

Lesson 33: Prefixes

Phonics Focus: A prefix is a small but meaningful group of letters added in front of a root word that adds to the meaning of the word.

Knowing the meanings of prefixes will help students unlock the meanings of hundreds of words. It is a good idea to learn these meanings so that when students encounter them in new vocabulary words they will have a greater understanding of them. Explain the prefixes as the student encounters them.

A suffix is a group of letters added to the end of a root word that adds to the meaning, such as **er** and **ing**. Suffixes will be covered in more detail in Lesson 34.

When dividing longer words into syllables, first look for any prefixes and suffixes added to the root or base word.

Most Common Prefixes

<u>Prefix</u>	<u>Meaning</u>	<u>Example</u>
un	not, opposite of	unhappy

re	again, back	return
in, im, ir, ill	not, opposite of	indirect
dis	not, opposite of	discover
en, em	cause to	enjoy
non	not, opposite of	nonfiction
in, im	in, or into	inside
over	too much, above	overgrown
mis	wrong	misunderstand
sub	lower, under	subway
pre	before	prepared
inter	between, among	interstate
fore	before, the front	forehead
de	down, opposite of	descend
trans	across, over, beyond	transfer
super	over, above, on top of	superstar
semi	half, partly	semicircle

anti	against, opposed to	antifreeze
mid	middle	midday
under	too little, lower, below	underarm
ex	former, out, out of	exhale
bi, bin	having two, twice	bicycle
co	together with	cooperate
post	after, or following	postpone
tri	three	tricycle

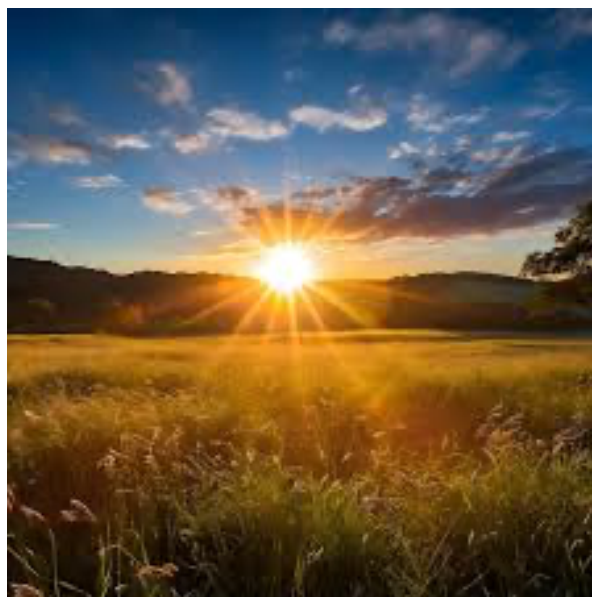
Dis/cov/er/ing Bike Trails!



All a/cross the U/ni/ted States lies a net/work of a/maz/ing hid/den trea/sures: Bike Trails! With a lit/tle **prep/ar/a/tion**, you and your fam/il/y could **dis/cov/er** these won/der/ful jewels and spend time to/geth/er **en/joy/ing** the na/tur/al beau/ty of the **out/doors**.

For any **ad/ven/ture**, you first need to be Early, Ready, and **Pre/pared**. In or/der to **pre/pare** for a bike trail trip, you first need a **bi/cy/cle** in good work/ing or/der. Your par/ent should look your **bi/cyc/le** over and

make sure that all the gears and brakes are working well, and that the tires are prop/er/ly in/fla/ted. Then, you should make sure that you have plenty of water. You can ei/ther use a water bot/tle hold/er at/tached to your bicycle or you can put your water bottles in a back/pack, along with some snacks. This will keep you hy/dra/ted and full of en/er/gy. Next, you will need to search on the in/ter/net for a local bike trail. Many old rail/roads have been re/pur/posed to become bike trails. Local Bicycle Clubs are also a good re/source for finding trails. Do your home/work and find out how long the bike trail is. Re/mem/ber that how/ev/er far you ride on a trail, you need to still have en/er/gy, time, and sun/light to re/turn. Or, if you have a friend that can drive, and a bike rack, you can ask your friend to drive you and your fam/il/y to the be/gin/ning of a bike trail and then pick you all up at the end



of the trail. Tunnel Hill State Trail in Southern Illinois is good for this kind of trip. If you start at the beginning of the trail in Tunnel Hill and end in Vienna, Illinois, you can actually **de/scend** and ride downhill for the majority of the trip! Finally, to be Early, Ready, and Prepared, find a few Adventure Buddies to go with you. Your parents or another adult are good choices. You should never go on a bike trail alone. If you have problems or need help, you need to have someone with you that can help you.

Some bike trails will take you through **un/in/hab/it/ed** forests with **over/grown** vines and **won/der/ful**



wildflowers. The air is fresh with oxygen. **In/hale** the fresh air and **ex/hale** all your worries!

So, what are you waiting for? Talk to your parents today about the possibility of going on a Fun Family **Bicycle** Outing!

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS:

1. What is the first thing you need to do to be Early, Ready, and Prepared for a bike trip?
2. “Re/mem/ber that how/ev/er far you ride on a trail, you need to still have en/er/gy, time, and sun/light to re/turn.” What does it mean to have enough sunlight to return?
3. Why should you never go alone on a bike trip?

PROJECT:

MATTHEW 25:1-4 Says, “Then the Kingdom of Heaven will be like ten bridesmaids^[a] who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. ² Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. ³ The five who were foolish didn’t take enough olive oil for their lamps, ⁴ but the other five were wise enough to take along extra oil.”

Being Early, Ready, and Prepared for every activity is a very important skill to learn. It is a thing that wise people do. Let’s think about this:

EARLY – Arrive at your activity early. You should try to be a half-hour early for every commitment. For example, if school starts at 8:30 AM, you should try to be there at 8 AM. This allows you time to take off your coat, put your books down, go to the bathroom, get a drink, and

say “Hi” to your friends. You won’t feel rushed. You will be relaxed, happy, and ready to learn. This means you’ll be teachable.

READY – You need to be physically and mentally ready to go. Take care of details that need to happen before you start. For example, before school, you need to get dressed, brush your hair, eat breakfast, and brush your teeth. Then you will be ready!

PREPARED – For every activity, you should always have your homework completed and have gathered any supplies that you will need. The wise bridesmaids had extra oil. For school, you need to have your homework done and perhaps grab your coat and gloves. For a bike trip, you need to have your bicycle in good working order, have water and snacks, research where a good bike trail is, and invite an Adventure Buddy.

This week and from now on, make it your goal to be Early, Ready, and Prepared for every task you do! Then you’ll be teachable!