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Subject: English

Grade -10

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Competency 4 - Building up vocabulary using words appropriately and accurately to convey precise meaning.

Competency level 4.4 - Use affixes to change the word class and the meaning of words.

Affixes

Definition

A 'part' that is added to words either at the beginning or at the end of the word, that changes/ affects the meaning of the word.

Types of Affixes

Prefix - A letter or group of letters added to the **beginning of a word** which does not change the word class.

Suffix - A letter or group of letters added to the **end of a word** which changes the word class.

Verb suffixes	
s, ed, ing	Seems, Flipped, Eating
ise, ate, fy, en	Advise, Collaborate, Identify, Woolen

Adverb Suffixes	
wise, ly	Crosswise, Nicely

Noun Suffixes	
er, ance, ence	Defender, Ignorance, Confidence
tion, sion, age, al, ence, ery	Education, Revolution, Drainage Approval, Absence, Jewellery
ment, ism, ship, age, ity, ness, cy	Excitement, Leadership, Breakage Opportunity. Brightness, Privacy

Adjective suffixes	
al, ent, ive, ous, ful, less, able	Approval, Innocent, Effective, Glamorous Successful, Sleepless, Adorable

Activity 01 - Complete these words using the given prefixes. You may use the prefixes more than once.

(Pre, Mis, Semi, Re, Mid, Un, Im, In, Ir)

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| 1. ___ judge | 6. ___ employment |
| 2. ___ turn | 7. ___ balance |
| 3. ___ colon | 8. ___ field |
| 4. ___ look | 9. ___ regular |
| 5. ___ term | 10. ___ school |

Activity 02- Divide the Prefixes and Suffixes in the following word list.

(Promotion, Impossible, Rebuild, Spotless, Outward, Decode, Measurement, irresponsible, Hopeful, Prefix, Rudeness, Infiltrate)

Prefix	Suffix

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Activity 03

Complete the sentences adding the correct suffix/prefix to the words in brackets.

1. Some of the information is _____ we should check the facts again.
(correct)
2. Mark cheated on the competition. So he was _____. (qualified)
3. I never go out alone at night! I'm afraid of _____. (Dark)
4. What you did was silly and _____. (Logical)
5. I'll let you know, If I receive additional _____. (Inform)
6. This grammar book is excellent. There are many _____ exercises there.
(Use)
7. My boss told me to _____ the report. (Write)
8. I _____ the nail into a piece of wood for my dad. (Hammer)

Activity 04

Add the correct suffix to each word. Write the new words and their word classes. One has been done for you.

(ness, ment, , tion, some, ly, sion, ate, , wise, ful, less, able)

Adjective	+	Suffix	New Word /New Word Class
Bright	+	ly	Brightly/ Adverb
Beautiful	+		
Quick	+		
Cross	+		
neat	+		

Noun	+	Suffix	New Word/ New Word Class
Joy	+		

Quarrel	+		
Faith	+		
Care	+		
Inflate	+		

Verb	+	Suffix	New Word/ New Word Class
Develop	+		
Celebrate	+		
Use	+		
Agree	+		
Govern	+		

Activity 05

Write the meanings of the following words.(You may use the dictionary)

	Root Word	Meaning	New Word	Meaning
1.	Happy		Unhappy	
2.	Heat		Preheat	
3.	Write		Rewrite	
4.	Like		Dislike	
5.	Polite		Impolite	