Prefix Power

Prefixes, small but meaningful letter groups, added before a root word change the meaning of a word. Suffixes are letter groups added to the end of the root word. Suffixes signify the part of speech and sometimes add meaning.

Use these words to fill in the blanks.

suffix  root word  prefix

If you start with a ______________ like “comfort” and change it to “discomfort” by adding “dis”, the letter group “dis” is called a ______________. If you change it to “comfortable” by adding “able,” the letter group “able” is called a ______________.
Prefix Power

Start

Go back one space

Move ahead one space

Move ahead one space

Go back one space

End

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Prefix Power Game sentences

1. Mom had to ____heat the dinner because it was cold.
2. The boy was thought___ to bring his mother flowers.
3. Dad needed help to ___load the firewood.
4. A knife is use___ when cutting meat.
5. The guide was help___ on the hunting trip.
6. The farmer was ___happy because it did not rain.
7. The campers were care___ when he left the campfire burning.
8. Rainbows can be very color___.
9. The sky was cloud____, so the sun was shining.
10. The workers had to ___think their strategy to avoid the bird’s nest.
11. Playing around electric lines is ___safe.
12. The construction worker asked if he could ___fill his water bottle.
13. The big roll of string seemed end____.
14. The boy’s homework was messy, so he had to ___copy it.
15. Electric lines can give a power___ shock.
16. The children asked Mom to ___tell the story.
17. A home____ dog wandered to the nearest house.
18. Mom and Dad had to ___paint the house because it was old.

Answers:
1. re   2. ful   3. un   4. ful   5. ful   6. un
7. less   8. ful   9. less   10. re   11. un   12. re
13. less   14. re   15. ful   16. re   17. less   18. re

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