

Grade 5 and 6

Reading – Vocabulary – Prefixes, Suffixes, and Root Words S1 C4 PO1

Directions: Carefully study the table of affixes and root words before answering answer questions 1 – 4.

COMMON PREFIXES	MEANING	EXAMPLE
pre-	before	predict
dis-	not, away, from	disinterest
re-	again, back	redo
com-, con-, cor-	together	connect
e-, ex-	out, out of, from	exam
COMMON SUFFIXES	MEANING	EXAMPLE
-er, -or	that which does (noun)	runner
-able	having the ability to (adjective)	loveable
-ous	full of (adjective)	dangerous
-ness,	state of being (noun)	freshness
-ment	condition or result (n)	excitement
ROOT WORDS	MEANING	EXAMPLE
tract	draw, take, pull	extract
pos	place, put	position
act	do	actor
port	carry	report
dict	say, speak	predict
spec	look, see	spectacle

1. Using the information from the tables above, what is the definition of the word **portable**?

- ☐ A a person who carries
- ☐ B to carry away from
- ☐ C that which can be carried
- ☐ D the state of being carried

2. Carefully read the following sentence.

The stadium had a fully **retractable** roof, which was quite unusual.

What was unusual about the roof?

- ☐ A One could not destroy it.
- ☐ B One could look through it
- ☐ C It could be seen from all sides.
- ☐ D It could move back and forth.

3. Adding the prefix **dis** and the suffix **able** to the root word **pos** creates the word **disposable**. Using what you know about these word parts, which sentence uses the word **disposable** correctly?

- ☐ A The writings were so valuable that the director considered them **disposable**.
- ☐ B After so many years of hard use, the toaster was no longer working and was declared **disposable**.
- ☐ C When Raki received a new laptop for his birthday, his father told him it was **disposable** and to take good care of it.
- ☐ D The **disposable** jewelry was locked in a very secure box and then placed in the vault for added protection.

4. Create new words by completing the directions below:

- a. Add the prefix **dis-** to the root word **tract**.

New Word: _____

Meaning: _____

Sentence: _____

- b. Add the prefix **ex-** to the root word **port**.

New Word: _____

Meaning: _____

Sentence: _____

- c. Add the suffix **-or-** to the root word **tract**.

New Word: _____

Meaning: _____

Sentence: _____

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- 1. C**
- 2. D**
- 3. B**
- 4. sentences will vary**
 - a. distract – to take away from**
 - b. export – to carry from or to carry out of**
 - c. tractor – that which pulls**