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The Building Blocks of Language Lesson 13A – Inside the Toolbox

Today we investigate one of our tools. Tools are words too!

Why Is It Called PREFIX?



SEE IT



SAY IT



CLAP IT



BREAK IT



FIND WHAT
WE KNOW



READ IT

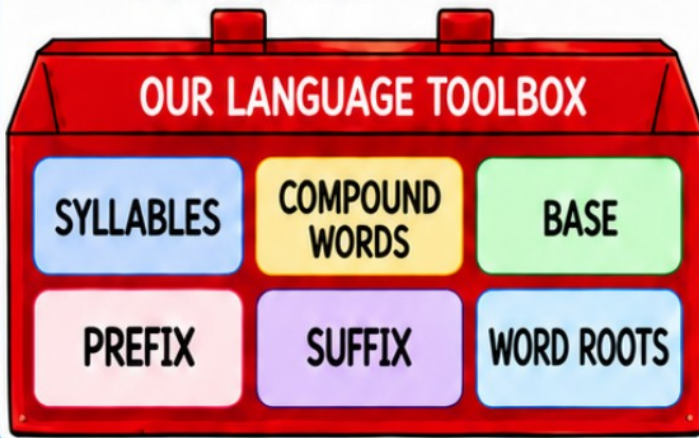


WRITE IT

1

Our Language Toolbox

Look at the tools. These help us build and understand words.



2

Put PREFIX on the Workbench

See it. Say it. Clap it. Break it.

PREFIX



Clap It!

Mark the syllable break.

PRE | FIX

CLAP IT
helps us hear
the spoken
beats.



Break It!

Can we investigate this break?

PRE + FIX

BREAK IT
gives us
something to
investigate.

Which Tool?

Read each clue. Circle the tool that matches.

- Spoken beats in a word. SYLLABLES PREFIX
- Whole words put together. COMPOUND WORDS BASE
- A word part added before a base. PREFIX SUFFIX
- A word part added after a base. SUFFIX BASE
- Meaning and word history. WORD ROOTS SYLLABLES



We have tools to investigate words!

SAME WORD. DIFFERENT TOOL.

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Look at the pictures.
What do you notice?
What stays the same?

What Does PRE Give Us?

3 Build and Compare

Look at each word. Read it. Think about the picture.

PREVIEW



PRE + VIEW

When do we see
a preview?

PREHEAT



PRE + HEAT

When do we preheat?

PREFIX



PRE + FIX

This is our
investigation word!

What stayed the same in all three words?

Circle it: **PRE** VIEW HEAT FIX

PRE = _____

**SAME PRE.
DIFFERENT WORDS.**

4 What Do We Know About FIX?

FIX



Find What We Know

What does FIX mean today?

(in English now)

Does **BEFORE + REPAIR**
explain the name **PREFIX**?



5 We Need Another Tool

This is a good clue, but it does
not finish the investigation.
What tool can help us learn more?



**WE NEED
ANOTHER TOOL.**



The history of a word can give us clues!