

Unit 3

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Your Eyes, Your Voice, Your Smell

Your New ID

Unlocking Word Meanings

Authors of science texts often use specialized science words that can be difficult to understand. To unlock word meanings, it helps if readers think about the root word and any added prefixes or suffixes (e.g., security: the root word is *secure* and *-ity* is the suffix). This helps to figure out that the word means something about safety.

1. In the selection, **Your Eyes, Your Voice, Even Your Smell: Your New ID**, find eight words with either prefixes or suffixes on pages 141 to 145 in **Literacy in Action 5**. Write each word in the chart below. Write the root word, then the prefix or suffix beside it. Then, record other words you know that match the pattern. See the example below.

2. Some common prefixes are: de, dis, en, fore, im, mid, non, over, pre, semi, trans, un

Some common suffixes are: able, en, est, ing, ion, ity, ive, less, ly, ment, ness, tion

Word from	Root word	Prefix or suffix	Your pattern words
misuse	use	mis = prefix	misplace misbehave mislaid

Word from	Root word	Prefix or suffix	Your pattern words

Use **two** of the words you have chosen in complete sentences.

Sentence #1

Sentence #2