

# 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

Suggestions are given but there are many more words to choose from.

Word from	Root word	Prefix or suffix	Your pattern words
misuse	use	mis = prefix	misplace misbehave mislaid
likely	like	ly = suffix	happily
biometrics	metric	bio = prefix	bionics
microphone	phone	micro = prefix	microchip
distances	distance	s = suffix	colours

Word from	Root word	Prefix or suffix	Your pattern words
characteristics	character	istics = suffix	statistics
combination	combine	ation = suffix	multiplication
thickness	thick	ness = suffix	richness
curvature	curve	ture = suffix	adventure

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

#### Sentence #1

Check to see that words are used accurately.

#### Sentence #2

Check to see that words are used accurately.