**Prefixes**

**Objectives:**

* Apply knowledge of root words and prefixes to determine the meaning of unknown words
* Explain how a prefix changes the meaning of a word.
* Compose sentences with words that contain prefixes.

1. A prefix is a syllable that is added to the beginning of a root word to form a new word. A root word is the base word. For example the word “write” is a base word. We add the suffix “re” to the base word. Now the new word is “rewrite” which means to rewrite. The new word has a different meaning.
2. Look at the word prefix? It is made up from two parts: pre and fix. Pre means before, and fix means attached. Pre is a syllable that is placed before the root which in this case is fix.
3. Prefixes are useful because if we know how to identify them and their meaning, we can learn the meaning of the new word and improve our vocabulary.

EXAMPLES

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| **Prefix** | **Meaning** | **Word Example** | **Word Meaning** |
| re | do or again | recycle | to use again |
| re | back | return | to give back |
| de | down | decline | to grow smaller |
| de | away | deforestation | the process of clearing trees |

Deciduous, reality

http://worldwildlife.org/threats/deforestation

PART 3: FLASHCARDS

1. The link below is link to a set of flashcards with words that include the prefixes

re and de. Go through the flashcards to determine how the prefix changes the

word meaning of the base word.

2. To hear the word pronounced, click on the audio icon: 

1. Practice the words by playing the games: “Scatter” and “Space Race”
2. Take the test. Make sure you view the comments if you missed any words.

PART 2: Video

1. The link below is a link to a National Geographic video on global warming. Listen to the video once. Then relisten (listen again) to video. Write down at least three words with prefixes.

PART 3: ARTICLE – “Ways to Reduce Air Pollution”

1. The link below the article, “Ways to Reduce Air Pollution” Read the article once. Then reread the article. Write three words with prefixes from the article.

PART 4: ARTICLE – “

1. The link below is an article on deforestation. Read the article once. The reread the article. Write two words with prefixes from the article.

PART 5: Sentences/Assessment:

1. You should have eight words with prefixes. Choose five of the words and write complete sentences with each of these words. Post your sentences on the class’s wiki
2. Choose one of your sentences and add it to the post-it link below.

There are five steps in summary writing

Delete

Substitute

Keep

List

write