

Garden Word Detectives

Read how prefixes and suffixes shape word meanings.

3.3.C “identify the meaning of and use words with affixes such as im- (into), non-, dis-, in- (not, non), pre-, -ness, -y, and -ful; and”

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline every word that has pre-, non-, dis-, in-, im-, -ness, -y, or -ful. Circle the affix in each underlined word to show the word part that changes its meaning.

Getting the Garden Ready

- ① Before the school garden opened, Maya joined a preplanting team. The team made a plan for each bed. They would plant beans near a sunny fence and herbs beside the path. Maya carried a small sign with a helpful map. It showed where each seed would go, so no one would make a mistake while working.
- ② On planting day, an unexpected rain made the ground muddy. The team did not quit. They used boards to keep their shoes from sinking. One student noticed a disconnected hose and its incomplete label did not name the right bed. Maya checked the map again. The map was complete, and the group found the correct faucet quickly.
- ③ At the end, the gardener used a trowel to implant a moisture sensor into the soil. The sensor helps show when plants need water. The class also chose nonplastic pots that can be used again. Maya thanked each helper for their kindness. Soon, the garden would be colorful, healthy, and ready for visitors during the school open house.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE _____ Use the passage

1 What does pre- mean in preplanting? What did the team do before planting?

2 What do dis- in disconnected and in- in incomplete mean?

3 What does im- mean in implant, and what was implanted into the soil? How does non- change the meaning of plastic in nonplastic?

4 For helpful, sunny, and kindness, name the base word and tell what each ending means.

3 YOUR TURN _____ Your own words

Write two sentences about getting ready for a class event. Use one word with pre-, non-, dis-, in-, or im- and one word ending in -ful, -y, or -ness. Underline both affixed words.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline every word that has pre-, non-, dis-, in-, im-, -ness, -y, or -ful. Circle the affix in each underlined word to show the word part that changes its meaning. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What does pre- mean in preplanting? What did the team do before planting?	Pre- means before. The team made a plan for each garden bed before planting.
2	What do dis- in disconnected and in- in incomplete mean?	Dis- means not or apart, so disconnected means not connected. In- means not, so incomplete means not complete.
3	What does im- mean in implant, and what was implanted into the soil? How does non- change the meaning of plastic in nonplastic?	Im- means into, and a moisture sensor was implanted into the soil. Nonplastic means not plastic.
4	For helpful, sunny, and kindness, name the base word and tell what each ending means.	Helpful comes from help, and -ful means full of. Sunny comes from sun, and -y means having or like. Kindness comes from kind, and -ness means the state or quality of being.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Before the art show, we packed supplies in a __nonbreakable__ box. Lena's __cheerfulness__ helped everyone set up.

Accept accurate prefix and suffix words used correctly in two sentences about preparing for an event. The student should underline one word with a listed prefix and one word with a listed suffix.