**Prefixes, Suffixes, and Roots in Word Formation**

**🔍 1. What is Word Formation?**

Word formation is the process of creating new words or modifying existing ones. One common way to do this is through **morphemes**—the smallest units of meaning in a word. These include:

* **Roots**: The core meaning of a word.
* **Affixes**: Units added to the root to change meaning or function. These include:
  + **Prefixes** (before the root)
  + **Suffixes** (after the root)

**2. Roots**

* **Definition**: The base form of a word that carries the main meaning.
* **Examples**:
  + *write* → **rewrite**, **writer**
  + *act* → **react**, **action**
  + *form* → **inform**, **formation**

Roots are often derived from Latin or Greek and can stand alone (like *help*) or need affixes (like *spect* in *inspect*).

**3. Prefixes**

* **Definition**: A group of letters added to the beginning of a word to change its meaning.
* **Purpose**: Usually changes the **meaning**, not the word class.
* **Examples**:
  + *un-* (not): **unhappy**
  + *re-* (again): **rewrite**
  + *dis-* (opposite): **disagree**
  + *pre-* (before): **preview**

**4. Suffixes**

* **Definition**: A group of letters added to the end of a word.
* **Purpose**: Often changes the **word class** (e.g., noun → adjective), and sometimes meaning.
* **Examples**:
  + *-ness* (makes a noun): **happiness**
  + *-ful* (makes an adjective): **hopeful**
  + *-er* (person or thing): **teacher**
  + *-ly* (makes an adverb): **quickly**

**🧪 Word Formation in Action**

Let's break down a word:

**Unbelievable**

* *Prefix*: **un-** (not)
* *Root*: **believe**
* *Suffix*: **-able** (can be)
* ➡️ Meaning: "Not able to be believed"

**Practice Activity**

**Part 1: Identify the Parts**

Break the following words into **prefix**, **root**, and **suffix** (if applicable).

1. Disagreement
2. Prehistoric
3. Kindness
4. Misunderstood

**Part 2: Create New Words**

Use the root provided to form a new word using a **prefix**, a **suffix**, or both.

1. Root: *help* → \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. Root: *view* → \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
3. Root: *care* → \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
4. Root: *move* → \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_