

Word Formation List Dictation Game

Prefixes, suffixes and Cambridge First Certificate (FCE) Use of English Part Three

Listen to your teacher say some words and guess which prefix or suffix they all take. You must guess exactly the prefix or suffix on your teacher's sheet, even if other answers could be correct. If your guess is wrong, you must wait to guess again until other people have guessed and/ or your teacher has read out other hints just for the other people.

Play the same game in groups of three, four or five students, with different pages for different students. Choose one of the groups of words from the worksheet that your teacher gives you and read words from the left side (before the /) until someone guesses what prefix or suffix they can all take, starting with the most difficult hints to guess from. They must guess exactly the beginning or ending that is there, even when other things would be correct. They can only guess once per hint, and if their guess is wrong then they must wait until others have had a chance to guess. Note that spelling and other changes are sometimes necessary.

Optional: *When they have guessed the starting or ending, see if they can guess other words made the same way from the same list. Again, they must get exactly what is there.*

Guess in the same way with the hints that your partner reads out. Then do the same for other groups of words.

Ask about any words or affixes which you are not sure about.

Read out just one left-hand word and see if your partner can guess (exactly) the other form that is on the worksheet.

Read out two forms of one word and see how many others from the same group the other people can think of.

able

notice/ noticeable, imagine/ imaginable, cure/ curable, deny/ deniable, dispose/ disposable, accept/ acceptable, achieve/ achievable, adapt/ adaptable, adjust/ adjustable, adore/ adorable, advise/ advisable, afford/ affordable, approach/ approachable

ably

notice/ noticeably, argue/ arguably, compare/ comparably, presume/ presumably, predict/ predictably, recognise/ recognisably, admire/ admirably, accept/ acceptably, account/ accountably, admire/ admirably, consider/ considerably, note/ notably, remark/ remarkably

ac

knowledge/ acknowledge, company/ accompany, credit/ accredit, custom/ accustom, count/ account, climatization/ acclimatization, culture/ acculture, cord/ accord, claim/ acclaim

age

pack/ package, store/ storage, percent/ percentage, cover/ coverage, short/ shortage, pass/ passage, use/ usage, drain/ drainage, volt/ voltage, patron/ patronage, bag/ baggage, post/ postage, link/ linkage, assemble/ assemblage, coin/ coinage, mile/ mileage, leak/ leakage, orphan/ orphanage, peer/ peerage, wreck/ wreckage, lever/ leverage

al

approve/ approval, anatomy/ anatomical, controversy/ controversial, propose/ proposal, nation/ national, person/ personal, nature/ natural, profession/ professional, norm/ normal, origin/ original, industry/ industrial, sign/ signal, tradition/ traditional, commerce/ commercial, region/ regional, addition/ additional, arrive/ arrival

ally

academic/ academically, acerbic/ acerbically, acoustic/ acoustically, acrobatic/ acrobatically, aerobic/ aerobically, aesthetic/ aesthetically, anarchic/ anarchically, anatomic/ anatomically, angelic/ angelically, antagonistic/ antagonistically, norm/ normally, origin/ originally, nature/ naturally, occasion/ occasionally, specific/ specifically, basic/ basically

ance

attend/ attendance, rely/ reliance, abundant/ abundance, acceptant/ acceptance, ally/ alliance, allow/ allowance, ambulant/ ambulance, annoy/ annoyance, appear/ appearance, apply/ appliance, arrogant/ arrogance, assist/ assistance, perform/ performance, insure/ insurance, resist/ resistance, enter/ entrance

ant

converse/ conversant, please/ pleasant, import/ important, defend/ defendant, serve/ servant, assist/ assistant, consult/ consultant, protest/ protestant, inhabit/ inhabitant, vary/ variant, attend/ attendant, descend/ descendent, claim/ claimant, inform/ informant, ignore/ ignorant, resist/ resistant

anti

biotic/ antibiotic, depressant/ antidepressant, social/ antisocial, septic/ antiseptic, psychotic/ antipsychotic, American/ anti-American, monopoly/ antimonopoly, nausea/ anti-nausea, missile/ anti-missile, matter/ antimatter, body/ antibody, trust/ antitrust,

ary

revolution/ revolutionary, custom/ customary, bound/ boundary, second/ secondary, comment/ commentary, mission/ missionary, burgle/ burglary, discipline/ disciplinary, evolution/ evolutionary, supplement/ supplementary, compliment/ complimentary

ate

origin/ originate, design/ designate, active/ activate, fortune/ fortunate, equal/ equate, alien/ alienate, valid/ validate, assassin/ assassinate, temper/ temperate, affection/ affectionate, doctor/ doctorate, compassion/ compassionate, consider/ considerate

ation

realise/ realisation, acclimatize/ acclimatization, accredit/ accreditation, cancel/ cancellation, capitalise/ capitalisation, categorise/ categorisation, cause/ causation, centralise/ centralisation, characterise/ characterisation, colonise/ colonisation

ative

compare/ comparative, imagine/ imaginative, represent/ representative, conserve/ conservative, derive/ derivative, consult/ consultative, quality/ qualitative, inform/ informative, form/ formative, affirm/ affirmative, norm/ normative, preserve/ preservative

back

draw/ drawback, kick/ kickback, feed/ feedback, paper/ paperback, set/ setback, cut/ cutback, play/ playback, fall/ fallback, come/ comeback, flash/ flashback

cal

philosophy/ philosophical, anatomy/ anatomical, psychology/ psychological, history/ historical, biology/ biological, ideology/ ideological, geography/ geographical, technology/ technological, geology/ geological, archaeology/ archaeological

cation

modify/ modifications, amplify/ amplification, clarify/ clarification, classify/ classification, codify/ codification, certify/ certification, mystify/ mystification, qualify/ qualification, edify/ edification, falsify/ falsification, fortify/ fortification, gentrify/ gentrification, glory/ glorification

cy

bankrupt/ bankruptcy, vibrant/ vibrancy, truant/ truancy, accountant/ accountancy, ascendant/ ascendancy, buoyant/ buoyancy, constant/ constancy, consultant/ consultancy, deviant/ deviancy, expectant/ expectancy, flippant/ flippancy, agent/ agency, democrat/ democracy

dis

approval/ disapproval, courage/ discourage, orientation/ disorientation, able/ disable, credit/ discredit, comfort/ discomfort, content/ discontent, favour/ disfavour, illusion/ disillusion, enchanted/ disenchant, engagement/ disengagement, agreeable/ disagreeable, arm/ disarm, charge/ discharge, cord/ discord, continue/ discontinue

edly

devote/ devotedly, admit/ admittedly, advise/ advisedly, allege/ allegedly, animate/ animatedly, assure/ assuredly, calculate/ calculatedly, decide/ decidedly, deserve/ deservedly, detach/ detachedly

eer

mountain/ mountaineer, chariot/ charioteer, engine/ engineer, voluntary/ volunteer, auction/ auctioneer, mutiny/ mutineer, market/ marketeer, orient/ orienteer, musket/ musketeer, private/ privateer, racket/ racketeer, puppet/ puppeteer,

em

power/ empower, bed/ embed, battle/ embattle, bitter/ embitter, blaze/ emblaze, balm/ embalm, body/ embody, placement/ emplacement,

en

able/ enable, numerate/ enumerate, lighten/ enlighten, courage/ encourage, close/ enclose, code/ encode, case/ encase, circle/ encircle, danger/ endanger, large/ enlarge, rich/ enrich, cage/ encage, chain/ enchain, force/ enforce, franchise/ enfranchise, tangle/ entangle, trench/ entrench, trust/ entrust

en

threat/ threaten, strength/ strengthen, ripe/ ripen, wide/ widen, length/ lengthen, black/ blacken, dark/ darken, sad/ sadden, moist/ moisten, mad/ madden, fright/ frighten, straight/ straighten, gold/ golden, wood/ wooden, tight/ tighten, weak/ weaken, straight/ straighten, soft/ soften

ence

emerge/ emergence, exist/ existence, cohere/ coherence, adhere/ adherence, depend/ dependence, occur/ occurrence, absent/ absence, abstinent/ abstinence, adolescent/ adolescence, affluent/ affluence, ambient/ ambience, ambivalent/ ambivalence, violent/ violence, belligerent/ belligerence, benevolent/ benevolence

extra

ordinary/ extraordinary, curricular/ extracurricular, terrestrial/ extra-terrestrial, judicial/ extrajudicial, marital/ extramarital, mural/ extramural, sensory/ extrasensory, vehicular/ extravehicular

fall

rain/ rainfall, down/ downfall, short/ shortfall, water/ waterfall, snow/ snowfall, night/ nightfall, rockfall

ful

mercy/ merciful, fruit/ fruitful, dread/ dreadful, pain/ painful, peace/ peaceful, doubt/ doubtful, cheer/ cheerful, meaning/ meaningful, faith/ faithful, mouth/ mouthful, youth/ youthful, harm/ harmful, plenty/ plentiful, spoon/ spoonful, plenty/ plentiful, force/ forceful

hood

likely/ likelihood, adult/ adulthood, brother/ brotherhood, child/ childhood, false/ falsehood, knight/ knighthood, neighbour/ neighbourhood, victim/ victimhood, boy/ boyhood, father/ fatherhood, bachelor/ bachelorhood, knight/ knighthood, man/ manhood, sister/ sisterhood

ians

politics/ politicians, guard/ guardians, music/ musicians, civil/ civilians, library/ librarians, Egypt/ Egyptians, magic/ magicians, theology/ theologians, clinic/ clinicians, custody/ custodians, electric/ electricians, statistics/ statisticians, reptile/ reptilian

ible

access/ accessible, audio/ audible, collapse/ collapsible, collect/ collectible, combust/ combustible, compress/ compressible, connect/ connectible, contempt/ contemptible, sense/ sensible, convert/ convertible, resist/ resistible, force/ forcible

ical

cylinder/ cylindrical, rhythm/ rhythmical, type/ typical, bible/ biblical, graph/ graphical, theatre/ theatrical, period/ periodical, canon/ canonical, satire/ satirical, myth/ mythical, cone/ conical, dialect/ dialectical, quiz/ quizzical, farce/ farcical, poet/ poetical

ic

graph/ graphic, base/ basic, symbol/ symbolic, alcohol/ alcoholic, atom/ atomic, diabetes/ diabetic, bureaucrat/ bureaucratic, photograph/ photographic, colon/ colonic, volcano/ volcanic, atmosphere/ atmospheric, genre/ generic, hero/ heroic, mime/ mimic

ify

example/ exemplify, just/ justify, clear/ clarify, note/ notify, sign/ signify, diverse/ diversify, type/ typify, pure/ purify, false/ falsify, solid/ solidify, code/ codify

im

practical/ impractical, prudent/ imprudent, mature/ immature, measurable/ immeasurable, moral/ immoral, movable/ immovable, partial/ impartial, passable/ impassable, perceptibly/ imperceptibly, possibility/ impossibility, mobility/ immobility, balance/ imbalance, mortal/ immortal, perfect/ imperfect, personal/ impersonal, pure/ impure

in

frequent/ infrequent, different/ indifferent, valuable/ invaluable, ability/ inability, comprehensible/ incomprehensible, conceivable/ inconceivable, conclusive/ inconclusive, credible/ incredible, justice/ injustice, put/ input, security/ insecurity, significant/ insignificant, voluntary/ involuntary, comparable/ incomparable, consequential/ inconsequential, curable/ incurable, finite/ infinite, sufficient/ insufficient, voluntarily/ involuntarily

ingly

increase/ increasingly, surprise/ surprisingly, accord/ accordingly, seem/ seemingly, overwhelm/ overwhelmingly, will/ willingly, exceed/ exceedingly, correspond/ correspondingly, amaze/ amazingly, convince/ convincingly, love/ lovingly, strike/ strikingly

ings

find/ findings, surround/ surroundings, gather/ gatherings, proceed/ proceedings, earn/ earnings, save/ savings, record/ recordings, set/ settings, deal/ dealings, head/ headings, dwell/ dwellings, fit/ fittings, rate/ ratings, cut/ cuttings, bear/ bearings, furnish/ furnishings

ir

rational/ irrational, redeemable/ irredeemable, regular/ irregular, relevance/ irrelevance, reproachable/ irreproachable, responsible/ irresponsible, responsive/ unresponsive, reverent/ irreverent, reversible/ irreversible, revocable/ irrevocable, reparable/ irreparable, replaceable/ irreplaceable, resistible/ irresistible

is

diagnose/ diagnosis, emphasize/ emphasis, analyse/ analysis, base/ basis, synthesize/ synthesis, paralyse/ paralysis, hypnotise/ hypnosis

ise/ ize

popular/ popularise, expert/ expertise, emphasis/ emphasise, character/ characterise, special/ specialise, mobile/ mobilise, symbol/ symbolise, stable/ stabilise, general/ generalise, visual/ visualise, private/ privatise, crystal/ crystallise, rational/ rationalise

istic

character/ characteristic, real/ realistic, art/ artistic, style/ stylistic, simple/ simplistic, natural/ naturalistic, individual/ individualistic, ideal/ idealistic, paternal/ paternalistic, ritual/ ritualistic, legal/ legalistic

ists

psychology/ psychologists, botany/ botanists, special/ specialists, journal/ journalists, tour/ tourists, capital/ capitalists, economy/ economists, national/ nationalists, terror/ terrorists, therapy/ therapists, novel/ novelists

ity

mature/ maturity, rigid/ rigidity, ambiguous/ ambiguity, diverse/ diversity, intense/ intensity, scarce/ scarcity, secure/ security, commune/ community, active/ activity, major/ majority, able/ ability, real/ reality, liable/ liability, minor/ minority, mortal/ mortality, stable/ stability

ive

effect/ effective, distinct/ distinctive, appreciate/ appreciative, repulse/ repulsive, initiate/ initiative, execute/ executive, narrate/ narrative, speculate/ speculative, aggression/ aggressive, assert/ assertive, associate/ associative, collaboration/ collaborative, compete/ competitive, direct/ directive, evaluate/ evaluative, festival/ festive

lessness

age/ agelessness, aim/ aimlessness, air/ airlessness, art/ artlessness, breath/ breathlessness, care/ carelessness, child/ childlessness, class/ classlessness, defence/ defencelessness, effort/ effortlessness, power/ powerlessness

ly

leisure/ leisurely, live/ lively, elder/ elderly, cost/ costly, dead/ deadly, coward/ cowardly, disorder/ disorderly, ghost/ ghostly, heaven/ heavenly, hill/ hilly, miser/ miserly, order/ orderly, quarter/ quarterly, scholar/ scholarly

ment

attach/ attachment, enhance/ enhancement, abandon/ abandonment, abolish/ abolishment, accomplish/ accomplishment, achieve/ achievement, acknowledge/ acknowledgement, adjust/ adjustment, ail/ ailment, amaze/ amazement, amend/ amendment

mis

lead/ mislead, carry/ miscarry, lead/ mislead, understanding/ misunderstanding, use/ misuse, fortune/ misfortune, conduct/ misconduct, representation/ misrepresentation, trust/ mistrust, conception/ misconception, guided/ misguided, behave/ misbehave, deed/ misdeed, fit/ misfit, interpret/ misinterpret, judge/ misjudge, management/ mismanagement, place/ misplace, pronounce/ mispronounce,

ness

lonely/ loneliness, alert/ alertness, aware/ awareness, sleepy/ sleepiness, conscious/ consciousness, weak/ weakness, fit/ fitness, sick/ sickness, ready/ readiness, willing/ willingness, like/ likeness, fond/ fondness, holy/ holiness, deaf/ deafness

ous

rigour/ rigorous, zeal/ zealous, ceremony/ ceremonious, disaster/ disastrous, autonomy/ autonomous, virtue/ virtuous, advantage/ advantageous, vary/ various, anxiety/ anxious, ambition/ ambitious, fury/ furious, mystery/ mysterious, caution/ cautious, tedium/ tedious

out

set/ outset, standing/ outstanding, put/ output, sourcing/ outsourcing, come/ outcome, side/ outside, line/ outline, look/ outlook, break/ outbreak, let/ outlet, fit/ outfit, rage/ outrage, doors/ outdoors, burst/ outburst, patient/ outpatient, right/ outright, lay/ outlay

ption

conceive/ conception, assume/ assumption, perceive/ perception, describe/ description, consume/ consumption, receive/ reception, subscribe/ subscription, deceive/ deception, presume/ presumption, resume/ resumption, absorb/ absorption

re

cycle/ recycle, place/ replace, start/ restart, search/ research, turn/ return, view/ review, present/ represent, source/ resource, move/ remove, form/ reform, mind/ remind, cover/ recover, solve/ resolve, new/ renew, structure/ restructure, assure/ reassure, creation/

recreation

ship

relation/ relationship, apprentice/ apprenticeship, bipartisan/ bipartisanship, author/ authorship, chairman/ chairmanship, champion/ championship, citizen/ citizenship, acquaintance/ acquaintanceship, companion/ companionship, craftsman/ craftsmanship, reader/ readership

sion

emit/ emission, erode/ erosion, comprehend/ comprehension, provide/ provision, divide/ division, discuss/ discussion, express/ expression, conclude/ conclusion, impress/ impression, recede/ recession, extend/ extension, expand/ expansion, permit/ permission

sive

decide/ decisive, extend/ extensive, conclude/ conclusive, elude/ elusive, comprehend/ comprehensive, impress/ impressive, offend/ offensive, exclude/ exclusive, succeed/ successive, exceed/ excessive, defend/ defensive, explode/ explosive

sur

round/ surround, real/ surreal, plus/ surplus, charge/ surcharge, pass/ surpass, name/ surname, face/ surface

tic

drama/ dramatic, emphasis/ emphatic, enigma/ enigmatic, gene/ genetic, democrat/ democratic, bio/ biotic, diagnosis/ diagnostic, energy/ energetic, chaos/ chaotic, trauma/ traumatic, aroma/ aromatic, charisma/ charismatic, asthma/ asthmatic, dogma/ dogmatic

un

wise/ unwise, doubted/ undoubted, related/ unrelated, able/ unable, connected/ unconnected, forgettable/ unforgettable, known/ unknown, arguably/ unarguably, aware/ unaware, ceremoniously/ unceremoniously, certainty/ uncertainty, conditionally/ unconditionally, critically/ uncritically, deniable/ undeniable, drinkable/ undrinkable, enlightened/ unenlightened, expectedly/ unexpectedly, imaginable/ unimaginable, imaginative/ unimaginative, necessarily/ unnecessarily, pleasant/ unpleasant, predictably/ unpredictably

under

taken/ undertaken, estimate/ underestimate, go/ undergo, line/ underline, represented/ underrepresented, ground/ underground, rate/ underrate, score/ underscore, state/ understate, take/ undertake, pin/ underpin, age/ underage, class/ underclass, carriage/ undercarriage, cover/ undercover, current/ undercurrent, developed/ underdeveloped, growth/ undergrowth,

ure

proceed/ procedure, moist/ moisture, press/ pressure, fail/ failure, please/ pleasure, architect/ architecture, depart/ departure, expose/ exposure, close/ closure, sculpt/ sculpture, legislate/ legislature, enclose/ enclosure, fix/ fixture, seize/ seizure