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, recognize/ recognisably, admire/ admirably, accept/ acceptably, account/ accountably, admit/ admiringly, 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

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

dedly
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,

eem
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/ saddened, 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, 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

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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/ irresponsive, 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, emphasise/ 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

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