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Answer Key: Detective Word-Builder: Solving the Mystery of the Extra Parts

Analyze word structures by hunting for hidden beginnings and endings to predict how a character's actions change in a story.

1. If a squirrel is 'fearless' when climbing a tall tree, how does the squirrel feel?

Answer: B) The squirrel has no fear.

The suffix '-less' means without. So, 'fearless' means the squirrel is without fear.

2. The baker had to ____ fill the cupcake pan because he forgot the sprinkles. Which word makes the most sense?

Answer: C) Re

The prefix 're-' means to do something again. The baker needs to fill the pan a second time.

3. True or False: If you 'dislike' a new vegetable, it means you like it very much.

Answer: B) False

The prefix 'dis-' means not or the opposite of. To dislike means you do NOT like it.

4. The magic wand made the rabbit 'disappear.' What happened to the rabbit?

Answer: C) It went away or is not seen.

The prefix 'dis-' changes the word 'appear' to mean the opposite, so it is no longer seen.

5. A person who is 'helpful' is full of _____. Which root word belongs in the blank?

Answer: C) Help

The suffix '-ful' means 'full of.' Combining it with the root 'help' describes someone who provides a lot of help.

6. True or False: Adding '-er' to the word 'paint' changes it from an action to a person who does that action.

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Answer: A) True

The suffix '-er' often means 'one who does.' A painter is a person who paints.

7. In a story, a giant is 'unfriendly.' How should the hero talk to the giant?

Answer: B) Be careful because the giant is not nice.

The prefix 'un-' means not. An unfriendly giant is NOT friendly, so the hero should be careful.

8. To get ready for a party, you 'preheat' the oven. This means you turn the oven on ____ you start baking.

Answer: C) Before

The prefix 'pre-' means before. You heat the oven before the food goes in.

9. If you see a sign that says 'Refill Station,' what are you allowed to do?

Answer: B) Fill your bottle up again.

The prefix 're-' means again. Refill means to fill it up again.

10. True or False: If a dog is 'sleepless,' it means the dog is taking a long nap.

Answer: B) False

The suffix '-less' means without. A sleepless dog is without sleep, meaning it is awake.