Happy Families (Go Fish) Game of Prefixes and Suffixes

This game practices five prefixes learned in this lesson (mis-, dis-, un-, re-, pre-) plus seven suffixes from earlier lessons (-s, -ly, -ful, -less, -es, -n’t, -ing). There is one family of four cards for each prefix and suffix.

**Preparation:** Cut out and glue the cards onto heavy paper; lamination is optional. (You can now buy pre-cut card-sized lamination pockets with rounded corners!)

**To play:** Review the meaning of the suffixes and prefixes in the game. Shuffle the cards. Deal each player four cards and put the remaining pile of cards face down in the middle. Players try to assemble families of four cards by asking the other player(s) for the card they want by name (example: “Do you have ‘pack - repack.’ from the ‘re-’ (which means ‘again’) family?”) If the player gets what s/he requested, she gets another turn. If not, the other player says, “No, Go Fish,” and the first player draws a card from the pile. Lay down each family of four cards as it is assembled; the learner should explain the meaning of the suffix or prefix, then read the 4 pairs of words and state their meanings. Play until all the cards are laid out in families. The player with the most families wins. (Try to let the learner outsmart you.)

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| **re-**  **pack** - **repack**  use - reuse  fill - refill  sell - resell | **re-**  **use** - **reuse**  pack - repack  fill - refill  sell - resell | **re-**  **fill** - **refill**  pack - repack  use - reuse  sell - resell |
| **re-**  **sell** - **resell**  pack - repack  use – reuse  fill - refill | **dis-**  **connect – disconnect**  ability - disability respect - disrespect  like – dislike | **dis-**  **ability** - **disability**  connect - disconnect  respect - disrespect  like – dislike |
| **dis-**  **like – dislike**  ability - disability  connect - disconnect  respect - disrespect | **dis-**  **respect- disrespect**  ability - disability  connect - disconnect  like – dislike | **un-**  **wise - unwise**  like - unlike  well - unwell  do - undo |
| **un-**  **like – unlike**  well - unwell  do - undo  wise - unwise | **un-**  **well - unwell**  wise - unwise  like - unlike  do - undo | **un-**  **do - undo**  wise - unwise  like - unlike  well - unwell |
| **mis-**  **fit - misfit**  use - misuse  print - misprint  behave - misbehave | **mis-**  **use – misuse**  print - misprint  behave – misbehave  fit - misfit | **mis-**  **print - misprint**  use – misuse  behave – misbehave  fit - misfit |
| **mis-**  **behave – misbehave**  use - misuse  print - misprint  fit - misfit | **-ful**  **care - careful**  hope - hopeful  use - useful  help - helpful | **-ful**  **hope – hopeful**  use - useful  help – helpful  care - careful |
| **-ful**  **use - useful**  hope - hopeful  help – helpful  care - careful | **-ful**  **help – helpful**  hope - hopeful  use - useful  care - careful | **-less**  **tired - tireless**  friend - friendless  hope - hopeless  care - careless |
| **-less**  **friend - friendless**  tired - tireless  hope - hopeless  care - careless | **-less**  **hope - hopeless**    tired - tireless  friend - friendless  care - careless | **-less**  **care - careless**  tired - tireless  friend - friendless  hope - hopeless |
| **-ly**  **sad - sadly**  stiff - stiffly  safe - safely  happy - happily | **-ly**  **stiff – stiffly**  safe - safely  happy – happily  sad - sadly | **-ly**  **safe – safely**  happy – happily  sad - sadly  stiff - stiffly |
| **-ly**  **happy - happily**  sad - sadly  stiff - stiffly  safe - safely | **pre-**  **prepare**  predict  prefix  pre-pack | **pre-**  **predict**  prefix  pre-pack  prepare |
| **pre-**  **prefix**  pre-pack  prepare  predict | **pre-**  **pre-pack**  prepare  predict  prefix | **-es**  **dress - dresses**  pass - passes  box - boxes  fix - fixes |
| **-es**  **pass – passes**  box - boxes  fix - fixes  dress - dresses | **-es**  **box – boxes**  pass - passes  fix - fixes  dress - dresses | **-es**  **fix - fixes**  pass - passes  box - boxes  dress - dresses |
| **-s**  **ball - balls**  cut - cuts  sing - sings  plant - plants | **-s**  **cut – cuts**  ball - balls  sing - sings  plant - plants | **-s**  **sing – sings**  ball - balls  cut - cuts  plant - plants |
| **-s**  **plant - plants**  ball - balls  cut - cuts  sing - sings | **-n’t**  **do – don’t**  have – haven’t  are – aren’t  is – isn’t | **-n’t**  **have – haven’t**  are – aren’t  is – isn’t  do – don’t |
| **-n’t**  **are – aren’t**  have – haven’t  is – isn’t  do – don’t | **-n’t**  **is – isn’t**  have – haven’t  are – aren’t  do – don’t | **-ing**  **run - running**  stand - stand**ing**  come - com**ing**  travel - travel**ing** |
| **-ing**  **stand – standing**  come - com**ing**  travel – travel**ing**  run - runn**ing** | **-ing**  **come - coming**  stand - stand**ing**  travel – travel**ing**  run - runn**ing** | **-ing**  **travel – traveling**  stand - stand**ing**  come - com**ing**  run - runn**ing** |