

Prefixes and Suffixes Readers Theatre Script
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1	Stand back, you disperfect peasant!	18	Together they become:
2	Hey man, I am sub-perfect, not disperfect!	All	[sound effect] happiness! [gesture]
All	[gasp] Incorrect grammar! [gesture]	16&17	Meaning the quality of being happy!
3	We need the	19	So young citizens of America – remember the
4	[sound effect]		Grammar Group's motto:
All	Grammar group! [gesture]	All	Don't be disrespectful towards grammar!
5	Look – it's Bob Base word! [gesture]		[gesture]
6	What's a base word?	20	To review:
All	A base word is a word that can stand on its	All	Base word:
	own and has meaning! [gesture] [sound effect]	7	“Respect”
7	Bob Base word knows that words such as	All	Prefix:
	“perfect” or “like”	9	“Dis”
All	Stand on their own and have meaning!	All	Suffix:
	[gesture] [sound effect]	14	“Ful”
8	And look over there! [gesture]	21	And in the end you get:
All	It's Paula Prefix! [gesture]	9	“Dis”
9	That's right – Paula Prefix. They call me	7	“Respect”
	“prefix” because	14	“Ful”
All	A prefix is a word part added to the beginning	All	Meaning “not full of respect.”
	of the base word to change its meaning.	20	To protect yourself from future grammar
	[gesture] [sound effect]		crimes, Paula and Sasha will share some of
9	I'm Bob Base word's front side kick.		their top hits. [sound effects]
All	Paula Prefix cannot stand alone. [gesture]	10	Prefixes first!
1&2	Huh?	9	“im”, “dis”, and “un” all mean not . [gesture]
7&9	Example time!	All	“im”, “dis”, and “un” all mean not . [gesture]
All	Base word:	12	“de” - take away. “pre” – before. [gesture]
10	“Happy”	All	“de” - take away. “pre” – before. [gesture]
All	Prefix	6	“sub” – under
11	“Un”	All	“sub” – under and below! [gesture]
12	Together, they become	11	And now suffixes!
All	[sound effect] (wah wah wah!)	14	“ly”—“in this way,” as in “loudly”
All	Unhappy! [gesture]	All	or “ly”—“in this way,” as in “softly.”[gesture]
10&11	Meaning <u>not</u> happy.	13	“ment” meaning “manner of” as in
13	Because the prefix “un” means		“disappointment.”
All	Not! [gesture]	All	or “ment” meaning “manner of” as in
1	Oh, I get it! Like “ness” happy! Right?		“excitement!”[gesture]
All	[sound effect – gasp] Incorrect grammar!	16	“less” means “without” as in “hopeless”
	[gesture]	All	or “less” means “without” as in “fearless!”
3	I know who to call!		[gesture]
4	Sasha Suffix!	1	Okay, I get it—You are not a dis-perfect
14	Sasha Suffix at your service!		peasant
15	Hey – aren't you Bob Base word's back-up?	2	or a sub-perfect peasant!
14	That I am!	All	He's a perfectly
All	A suffix is a word part added to the end of a	1&2	im perfect peasant!
	base word to change its meaning! [gesture]	All	Yes! Correct grammar! [gesture]
	[sound effect]	1&2	Good thing we called on
7,9,14	Example time!	All	The Grammar Group! [gesture] [sound effect]
All	Base word	4	They will never again be disrespectful towards
16	“Happy”		grammar! [gesture]
All	Suffix	All	R-E-S-P-E-C-T—Grammar's what it means to
17	“Ness”		me! R-E-S-P-E-C-T—Grammar's what it
All	“Ness” meaning “the quality of.”		means to me!