

Work Sheet for Bases and Affixes

A base is a free stem; it is a very useful kind of word because you can find it all by itself, and also ‘inside’ other words when the base is used with a prefix and/or a suffix to form a complex word.

Word	Prefix	Base	Suffix
information		<i>inform</i>	<i>ation</i>
uncomfortable	<i>un</i>	<i>comfort</i>	<i>able</i>
careless			
impatient			
kindness			
quickly			
popularity			
payment			
unbelievable			
scientist			
beginner			
productive			
unimaginable			
lifeless			
impossible			
peaceful			
peacefully			
discourage			
encourage			
inactive			
independent			
discovery			
signature			
growth			
government			
unsafe			