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 - reusefill - refillsell - resell | **re-****use** - **reuse**pack - repackfill - refillsell - resell | **re-****fill** - **refill**pack - repackuse - reusesell - resell |
| **re-****sell** - **resell**pack - repackuse – reusefill - refill | **dis-****connect – disconnect**ability - disability respect - disrespectlike – dislike | **dis-****ability** - **disability**connect - disconnectrespect - disrespectlike – dislike |
| **dis-****like – dislike**ability - disabilityconnect - disconnectrespect - disrespect | **dis-****respect- disrespect** ability - disabilityconnect - disconnectlike – dislike | **un-****wise - unwise** like - unlikewell - unwelldo - undo |
| **un-****like – unlike**well - unwelldo - undowise - unwise | **un-****well - unwell**wise - unwiselike - unlikedo - undo | **un-****do - undo**wise - unwise like - unlikewell - unwell |
| **mis-****fit - misfit** use - misuseprint - misprintbehave - misbehave | **mis-****use – misuse**print - misprintbehave – misbehavefit - misfit | **mis-****print - misprint**use – misusebehave – misbehavefit - misfit |
| **mis-****behave – misbehave**use - misuseprint - misprintfit - misfit  | **-ful****care - careful** hope - hopefuluse - usefulhelp - helpful | **-ful****hope – hopeful**use - usefulhelp – helpfulcare - careful |
| **-ful****use - useful**hope - hopefulhelp – helpfulcare - careful | **-ful****help – helpful**hope - hopefuluse - usefulcare - careful | **-less****tired - tireless** friend - friendlesshope - hopelesscare - careless |
| **-less****friend - friendless** tired - tirelesshope - hopelesscare - careless | **-less****hope - hopeless**tired - tirelessfriend - friendlesscare - careless | **-less****care - careless**tired - tirelessfriend - friendlesshope - hopeless |
| **-ly****sad - sadly** stiff - stifflysafe - safelyhappy - happily | **-ly****stiff – stiffly**safe - safelyhappy – happilysad - sadly | **-ly****safe – safely**happy – happilysad - sadly stiff - stiffly |
| **-ly****happy - happily** sad - sadly stiff - stifflysafe - safely | **pre-****prepare**predictprefixpre-pack | **pre-****predict**prefixpre-packprepare |
| **pre-****prefix**pre-packpreparepredict | **pre-****pre-pack** preparepredictprefix | **-es****dress - dresses** pass - passesbox - boxesfix - fixes |
| **-es****pass – passes**box - boxesfix - fixesdress - dresses  | **-es****box – boxes**pass - passesfix - fixesdress - dresses  | **-es****fix - fixes**pass - passesbox - boxesdress - dresses  |
| **-s****ball - balls**cut - cutssing - singsplant - plants | **-s****cut – cuts**ball - ballssing - singsplant - plants | **-s****sing – sings**ball - ballscut - cutsplant - plants |
| **-s****plant - plants**ball - ballscut - cutssing - sings | **-n’t****do – don’t**have – haven’tare – aren’tis – isn’t | **-n’t****have – haven’t**are – aren’tis – isn’tdo – don’t |
| **-n’t****are – aren’t** have – haven’tis – isn’tdo – don’t | **-n’t****is – isn’t**have – haven’tare – aren’tdo – 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** |