Name _____

Prefix Detective Answer Key

1. **Re-** \rightarrow again

2. Un- \rightarrow not

3. **Pre-** \rightarrow before

4. **Mis-** \rightarrow wrongly

5. **Dis-** \rightarrow not or opposite of

6. **Pre-** \rightarrow before

7. **Un-** \rightarrow reverse or remove

8. Over- \rightarrow too much

9. **Sub-** \rightarrow under or below

10. In- \rightarrow not

Teacher's Guide

• **Objective:** Students will identify prefixes and understand how they change word meanings.

• Differentiation Tips:

- For younger learners, introduce each prefix with visual cues (e.g., "unhappy" with a sad face).
- Challenge advanced students to create sentences with each word.
- Use color-coding (highlight prefixes in one color, roots in another).

• Engagement Ideas:

- Play a "Prefix Hunt" game where students find words around the classroom or in books that start with prefixes.
- Let pairs make short "Prefix Posters" showing examples of one prefix family.

Extension Ideas:

- Encourage students to invent their own new "prefix words" and explain their made-up meanings.
- Discuss how prefixes help in decoding new words during reading to build vocabulary and comprehension.

