

Word Surgery Station Answer Key

1. **Unbelievable** → Prefix: *un-* (not) | Root: *believ* (trust) | Suffix: *-able* (capable of) → *Not capable of being believed*
2. **Reconstruction** → Prefix: *re-* (again) | Root: *struct* (build) | Suffix: *-ion* (act of) → *The act of building again*
3. **Transportation** → Prefix: *trans-* (across) | Root: *port* (carry) | Suffix: *-ation* (process of) → *The process of carrying across*
4. **Prediction** → Prefix: *pre-* (before) | Root: *dict* (say) | Suffix: *-ion* (act of) → *The act of saying before it happens*
5. **Disrespectful** → Prefix: *dis-* (not) | Root: *spect* (look) | Suffix: *-ful* (full of) → *Full of not looking at with respect; rude*
6. **Microscopic** → Prefix: *micro-* (small) | Root: *scop* (see) | Suffix: *-ic* (related to) → *Related to seeing small things*
7. **Incredible** → Prefix: *in-* (not) | Root: *cred* (believe) | Suffix: *-ible* (able to be) → *Not able to be believed; amazing*
8. **Biography** → Prefix: *bio-* (life) | Root: *graph* (write) | Suffix: *-y* (result of) → *A written story of someone's life*
9. **Miscommunication** → Prefix: *mis-* (wrong) | Root: *communic* (share) | Suffix: *-ation* (process of) → *The process of sharing wrongly or unclearly*
10. **Antifreeze** → Prefix: *anti-* (against) | Root: *freeze* (to make cold) | Suffix: none → *A liquid that works against freezing*

Teacher's Guide

- **Focus Skill:** Analyzing **word structure** through **prefixes, roots, and suffixes** to build vocabulary understanding.
- **Differentiation Tips:**
 - For beginners: Provide a **prefix/root/suffix reference sheet** with meanings and examples.
 - For advanced learners: Include **etymology research**-students trace words back to Greek or Latin origins.