Multisyllabic Words with Common Prefixes / Common Suffixes Activities

Sentence Change Write a sentence making sure that at least one word in the sentence can have a prefix or a suffix added to it. For example, John agrees with me. Ask the child to add a prefix or suffix to one of the words. He/She might write John disagrees with me. Continue with other sentences.
Ex: Kim is happy when she eats cake. Kim is unhappy when she eats cake.
Bob lives in a home. Bob is homeless.
Deb is smart. Deb is the smartest.
Jan is kind to others. Jan shows kindness to others.
Tim thinks about the game. Tim rethinks about the game.

Word Building  What You Do:
Step 1: Go over these lists of prefixes and suffixes with the child:

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Step 2: Ask the child to take a stack of index cards and label each card with a prefix or suffix from the list above.
Step 3: Shuffle all the cards and turn them face down in one pile. Flip over the top card and lay it face up. The first player who can shout out a word that uses the prefix or suffix correctly and can provide the definition of the prefix or suffix, gets to keep that card for their pile. The person with the most cards at the end of the game wins!

Syllabification Activities  Go to the link below. Scroll down to “Jig-Saw Word Puzzles” and click on the first Syllabification Activities. Print the pages and follow the directions.  http://www.printablereadinggames.com/room6/reading_activities_6.htm

Prefix/Suffix Help  Looking for prefixes/suffixes help? Then look no further, as you’ve come to the right place. This site is dedicated to bringing you quality information concerning prefixes, suffixes, roots, and root words.  http://www.prefixes-suffixes.com/
Click on a link under navigation to get lists and information.
Syllable Lesson Videos & Information
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TvcgVRULaWw
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qu51ECdLklU
http://www.spellingcity.com/syllables-segmenting.html

Interactive Websites
http://www.funenglishgames.com/grammargames/prefixsuffix.html
http://www.missmaggie.org/scholastic/shortcircuit_eng_launcher.html
http://www.tutoringfortots.com/games/base-word-baseball.html
http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/spellits/activities_y6/activity4.shtml
http://www.fun4thebrain.com/English/syllableSplit.html

Books for Teaching Two Syllables/ Common Prefixes/Common Suffixes
If You Were a Prefix  By Marcie Aboff
If You Were a Suffix  By Marcie Aboff
Soccer Goal Suffixes  By Michael Ruscoe
Prefixes and Suffixes  By Ann Heinrichs
More Short Stories, in Words of Two Syllables  By Elizabeth Semple
Aunt Mary's Stories for Children : Chiefly Confined to Words of Two Syllables  By Mary Hughes