

Prefix Power

4th Grade • ELA

Printable companion to the online flashcard game · prefixes and their meanings

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Example

A **prefix** is a word part added to the **beginning** of a base word. It changes the meaning. **re-** means *again*, so **re** + *read* = **reread**, "to read again."

Part A • Match each prefix to its meaning

1. un- _____
2. re- _____
3. pre- _____
4. mis- _____
5. dis- _____
6. non- _____
7. over- _____
8. sub- _____
9. inter- _____
10. bi- _____
11. tri- _____
12. semi- _____

- A. not, without
- B. opposite of, not
- C. half, partly
- D. not
- E. under, below
- F. two
- G. wrongly
- H. before
- I. again
- J. three
- K. between
- L. too much

Part B • Add a prefix to build the word that matches

1. to look at something before _____ + view = _____
2. to build again _____ + build = _____
3. to make not locked _____ + lock = _____
4. to put in the wrong place _____ + place = _____
5. the opposite of like _____ + like = _____
6. to sleep too long _____ + sleep = _____
7. a train that runs under the ground _____ + way = _____
8. without stopping _____ + stop = _____

Safari Challenge

Write a sentence that uses two words with different prefixes from this page.



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Prefix Flashcards · cut out, fold on the middle line, and quiz a partner

un- unhappy	re- refill	pre- preheat
not unhappy = not happy	again refill = fill again	before preheat = heat before
mis- misspell	dis- disagree	non- nonfiction
wrongly misspell = spell wrongly	opposite of, not disagree = not agree	not, without nonfiction = not made up
over- overcook	sub- submarine	inter- international
too much overcook = cook too much	under, below submarine = a boat under the sea	between international = between nations
bi- bicycle	tri- triangle	semi- semicircle
two bicycle = a cycle with two wheels	three triangle = a shape with three angles	half, partly semicircle = half a circle



Answer Key

Part A: 1-D, 2-I, 3-H, 4-G, 5-B, 6-A, 7-L, 8-E, 9-K, 10-F, 11-J, 12-C

un- = not · re- = again · pre- = before · mis- = wrongly · dis- = opposite of, not · non- = not, without · over- = too much · sub- = under, below · inter- = between · bi- = two · tri- = three · semi- = half, partly

Part B: 1. pre + view = **preview** · 2. re + build = **rebuild** · 3. un + lock = **unlock** · 4. mis + place = **misplace** · 5. dis + like = **dislike** · 6. over + sleep = **oversleep** · 7. sub + way = **subway** · 8. non + stop = **nonstop**

Safari Challenge: Answers will vary. Example: "I had to rebuild my tower after I misplaced the top block."





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