

Adding the prefixes de-, dis- and mis- to root words

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Earlier this week we spent some time thinking about *suffixes*. Now, we are going to focus on three *prefixes*.

“What’s a prefix?” you ask? Good question. I’ve used my dictionary skills to find a definition, and this is what I discovered;



“Prefixes are letters which we add to the beginning of a word to make a new word with a different meaning. Prefixes can, for example, create a new word opposite in meaning to the word the prefix is attached to. They can also make a word negative or express relations of time, place or manner. Here are some examples:

root word	prefixed word	type of meaning
<i>possible</i>	<i>impossible</i>	opposite
<i>able</i>	<i>unable</i>	opposite/negation
<i>payment</i>	<i>non-payment</i>	negation
<i>war</i>	<i>pre-war</i>	time (before)
<i>terrestrial</i>	<i>extraterrestrial</i>	place (outside of/beyond)
<i>cook</i>	<i>overcook</i>	manner (too much)

*I’m sorry I was **unable** to attend the meeting.*

***Non-payment** of fees could result in a student being asked to leave the course.*

*Has anyone ever really met an **extraterrestrial** being? (meaning a being from another planet)*

*The meat was **overcooked** and quite tasteless.”*

There are lots of prefixes that can be added to root words, for example; un-, in-, il-, ir-, inter-, anti-, auto-, trans-, and many, many more!

With me so far? Good. The purpose of this session is to add the prefixes **de-**, **dis-**, and **mis-** to a root word. Before we can begin, we need to know what these prefixes mean.

de- to reverse or change (demystify – to make something clearer)

dis- to reverse or remove (disrespect – to take away respect from)

mis- incorrectly or badly (misspelt – incorrectly spelt)

Our tasks today will be to choose and add these prefixes to root words.

Read the tasks carefully – some of them need to you write sentences using the words you have created.

Don't worry about the question numbers...I know they're not in order!

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1a. Match each prefix to a root word to create a new word.

de	loyal
dis	play
mis	understand

1b. Match each prefix to a root word to create a new word.

dis	form
de	fire
mis	appear

5a. Match each prefix to a root word to create a new word.

de	appoint
dis	conduct
mis	code

5b. Match each prefix to a root word to create a new word.

mis	courage
de	conduct
dis	frost

9a. Match each prefix to a root word to create a new word.

de	compose
dis	honest
mis	move
	calculate

9b. Match each prefix to a root word to create a new word.

dis	judge
mis	content
de	rail
	way

4a. Create a sentence using only the words below. Be sure to use the correct punctuation.

The	the
from	mouse
disappeared	hole

4b. Create a sentence using only the words below. Be sure to use the correct punctuation.

misbehaved	day
the	throughout
school	They

8a. Create a sentence using only the words below. Be sure to use the correct punctuation.

question	how
did	misread
the	you

8b. Create a sentence using only the words below. Be sure to use the correct punctuation.

shall	the
decode	I
how	safe

12a. Create a sentence using the words below.

disqualified	josh
the	because
was	from

12b. Create a sentence using the words below.

misinformed	claire
about	so
was	the

1a. Add 'de-', 'dis-' or 'mis-' to each of the root words below to create three new words.

appear

place

frost

Use each new word in a sentence.

1b. Add 'de-', 'dis-' or 'mis-' to each of the root words below to create three new words.

read

trust

part

Use each new word in a sentence.

4a. Add 'de-', 'dis-' or 'mis-' to each of the root words below to create four new words.

obey

behave

crease

part

Use each new word in a sentence.

4b. Add 'de-', 'dis-' or 'mis-' to each of the root words below to create four new words.

own

lead

trust

rail

Use each new word in a sentence.

7a. Add 'de-', 'dis-' or 'mis-' to each of the root words below to create four new words.

laid

allow

qualify

mist

Use each new word in a multi-clause sentence.

7b. Add 'de-', 'dis-' or 'mis-' to each of the root words below to create four new words.

compose

lead

manage

obedient

Use each new word in a multi-clause sentence.

2a. Use each word below in a sentence. How does the prefix 'dis' change the meaning of the root word?

appear

disappear

Explain your reasoning.

2b. Use each word below in a sentence. How does the prefix 'dis' change the meaning of the root word?

respect

disrespect

Explain your reasoning.

5a. Use each word below in a sentence. How does the prefix 'mis' change the meaning of the root word?

understanding

misunderstanding

Explain your reasoning.

5b. Use each word below in a sentence. How does the prefix 'mis' change the meaning of the root word?

fortune

misfortune

Explain your reasoning.

8a. Add a prefix to the word below. How has the meaning of the root word changed?

code

Explain your reasoning.

8b. Add a prefix to the word below. How has the meaning of the root word changed?

form

Explain your reasoning.