

A base word, also called a word root, is the main part of a word before word parts are added at the beginning or the end.

keeping

unhappy

friendship

preview

Underline the base words.

1. impossible

5. distrust

2. softness

6. uncertain

3. seller

7. speeding

4. reread

8. goodness

Complete each sentence by writing a base word on the line.

9. I decided to re_____ my story to make it more exciting.

10. Martin is _____ing dinner for his family.

11. The teacher will dis_____ the class in ten minutes.

12. That movie has non_____ action.

13. That bouquet of flowers is so _____ful!

14. "I am upset that I can't go to the party," said Maria _____ly.

15. Because I was _____less, I broke Mom's favorite vase.

16. Tanisha can't attend the play. Her sister is also un_____ to come.

Name _____

A prefix is a word part that comes before a base word.

over- + **pay** = **overpay**

A suffix is a word part that comes after a base word.

over- + **pay** + **-ment** = **overpayment**

Make words to complete each sentence by adding a prefix or a suffix to the base word in parentheses.

Prefixes		Suffixes	
pre-	un-	-ment	-ness
re-	dis-	-ful	-ion

- Elia would like to _____ the seating before the dinner. (arrange)
- Awards night will be filled with _____ for those nominated. (excite)
- Joaquin is _____ that he will win the award for best athlete. (hope)
- Mi Hye hates to get up in front of a crowd, but she is determined to hide her _____. (nervous)
- Mr. Enright is feeling _____ because his ride is late. (frustrate)
- He does not want to _____ anyone. (appoint)
- He is _____ if he will make it on time. (sure)
- Ms. Gray was full of _____ for all the nominees. (encourage)
- She asked everyone to _____ one more time on the stage. (assemble)
- Finally, it was time for the _____ of the winners. (announce)

Name _____

A prefix is a word part that comes before a base word. A prefix changes the meaning of the word. These prefixes mean *not* or *opposite of*:

Prefix	Example	Meaning
mis-	mis behave	not behave
un-	un answered	not answered
dis-	dis comfort	the opposite of comfort
non-	non sense	not making sense

Complete each sentence with the correct word from the word box.

nonfiction	uncomfortable	miscounted	nonprofit
discontinue	miscalculation	dishonest	unfair

- The referee was _____ when he gave a point to the other team.
- The doctor told her to _____ taking the pills.
- The teacher _____ when she tallied 19 students.
- Marley & Me*, a _____ book, is the true story of a man and his dog.
- Brianna made a _____ when adding the fractions.
- The _____ organization did not make money, but performed many good deeds in the community.
- Dora was _____ when she told a lie.
- Jason was _____ sleeping without a pillow.

What other words do you know with these prefixes? Write two sentences using at least one word with a prefix in each sentence.

9. _____

10. _____

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in-	in accurate	not accurate
im-	im balance	not balanced
il-	il literate	not literate
de-	de throne	not on the throne

Complete each word with the correct base word.

1. A person who is not active is _____active.
2. If you remove the value from something, you _____value it.
3. An act that is not legal is _____legal.
4. A person who is not mature is _____mature.
5. Something that is the opposite of activated is _____activated.
6. A person who is not patient is _____patient.
7. An act that is not logical is _____logical.
8. Something that is not complete is _____complete.

What other words do you know with these prefixes? Write two sentences using at least one word with a prefix in each sentence.

9. _____

10. _____

Name _____

A prefix is a word part that comes before a base word. Some prefixes express number.

Prefix	Meaning	Example
uni-	one	unison
bi-	two	bilingual
tri-	three	triathlete
quadr-	four	quadrilateral

Write the definition of each word.

1. univision _____
2. biannual _____
3. tricycle _____
4. quadrangle _____

Write the word for each definition.

5. having three colors _____
6. having one form _____
7. one of four offspring born in a single birth _____
8. having two valves _____

What other words do you know with these prefixes? Write two sentences using at least one word with a prefix in each sentence.

9. _____

10. _____

Name _____

Knowing the meanings of common prefixes can help you with words you meet in school subjects.

Prefix	Meaning	Example
tele-	far, distant	telegraph
poly-	many	polygon
inter-	among, between	interplanetary
trans-	across, to pass	transport

Complete each sentence using the correct prefix.

- _____nesia is a _____syllabic word for a country composed of many islands. It is a tropical country, so you would not want to wear heavy _____ester clothes there.
- When I want to get away from the _____phone and _____vision, I look through my _____scope to see the stars.
- Emily _____ferred her _____pacency before her _____atlantic trip.
- Isabelle appreciated the _____mission of the _____national meeting, as she had to work hard _____preting the speeches.

What other words do you know with these prefixes? Write two sentences using at least one word with a prefix in each sentence.

5. _____

6. _____