

30 Prefixes

A prefix is a word that is joined to the front of another to change, or add to, its meaning, e.g. *disadvantage*, *overactive*, *unhealthy*.



GETTING STARTED

Prefixes can be added to create a word's antonym or opposite, e.g. *un + happy = unhappy*.

- Use your Oxford dictionary to work out which prefix should be added to the words to create the opposite.

| IN- | MIS- | UN- |
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| inexpensive | | |
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| well | successful | visible | correct | attractive | treat |
| expensive | famous | secure | time | trust | spell |
| | truth | behave | usual | | |

- What do the prefixes mean?

in- _____
mis- _____
un- _____



MOVING ON

Add each prefix to two of the words below to make new words. Use each word only once.

- be-* (around) _____
- fore-* (before) _____
- mid-* (middle) _____
- out-* (surpassing) _____
- over-* (too much) _____

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| friend | pace | crowded | tell | term | paid |
| | drive | side | night | arm | |