



# Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar

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# What is a Prefix?



dis

mis

un

A **prefix** is added to the beginning of a word to make a new word.

Most **prefixes** are added to the beginning of **root words** without any changes in spelling.

Like this:

prefix	root word	prefix + root word
dis-	connect	<b>disconnect</b>
mis-	take	<b>mistake</b>
un-	cover	<b>uncover</b>

# What is a Prefix?



dis

It is important to understand the definitions of **prefixes** because they help us figure out the meanings of any new words we come across.

Think about the different words which can be created through adding the **prefix dis-**, like **disconnect**.

Make a list on your whiteboard.

# What is a Prefix?



What does the prefix **dis-** mean?

**dislike**

Do not like something.

**disconnect**

Break a connection so it is not connected any more.

**disobey**

Do not follow a command.

It means '**not**' or '**the opposite of**'.

# What is a Prefix?



mis

Think about the different words which can be created through adding the **prefix mis-**, like **mistake**.

Make a list on your whiteboard.

# What is a Prefix?



What does the prefix **mis-** mean?

**mistake**

Do something wrong.

**misread**

Read something wrongly.

**misplace**

Put something in the wrong place.

It means '**wrong**' or '**false**'.

# What is a Prefix?



un

Think about the different words which can be created through adding the **prefix un-**, like **uncover**.

Make a list on your whiteboard.



# What is a Prefix?



What does the prefix **un-** mean?

**unhappy**

Not happy.

**unkind**

Not kind.

**uncover**

To take a cover off so it is not covered.

It means '**not**'.