

Prefixes

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Quick Review

A PREFIX is a word part added to the START of a word. It changes the word's meaning. **un-** means not (unkind). **re-** means again (redo). **pre-** means before (preview). **dis-** means not (dislike).

PRACTICE

Use the prefix to find the meaning of each word.

1. The word *unhappy* means —
 - A. very happy
 - B. not happy
 - C. happy again
 - D. happy before
2. The word *redo* means —
 - A. do before
 - B. not do
 - C. do again
 - D. do later
3. The word *preschool* means a school you go to —
 - A. after school
 - B. before regular school
 - C. instead of school
 - D. without rules
4. The word *dislike* means —
 - A. like a lot
 - B. not like
 - C. like again
 - D. like before



- 5. Read: *It is **unsafe** to run near the pool.* **Unsafe** means —
 - A. very safe
 - B. not safe
 - C. safe again
 - D. safe before

- 6. Read: *Please **retell** the story to your friend.* **Retell** means —
 - A. tell before
 - B. tell again
 - C. not tell
 - D. tell quietly

- 7. Add the prefix **un-** to *kind* to make a word that means *not kind*. _____
Answer: _____

- 8. What does the prefix **re-** mean? _____
Answer: _____

- 9. Which word uses a prefix that means *before*?
 - A. unlock
 - B. preheat
 - C. redraw
 - D. disagree

- 10. Pick a prefix (un-, re-, pre-, or dis-) and use it to make a new word. Tell what your word means.



Answer Keys

- 1 A B C D
- 2 A B C D
- 3 A B C D
- 4 A B C D
- 5 A B C D

- 6 A B C D
- 7
- 8
- 9 A B C D
- 10

Explanations

1. B	The prefix un- means not. So unhappy means not happy.
2. C	The prefix re- means again. So redo means do again.
3. B	The prefix pre- means before. Preschool comes before regular school.
4. B	The prefix dis- means not. So dislike means not like.
5. B	The prefix un- means not. Unsafe means not safe.
6. B	The prefix re- means again. Retell means tell again.
7. unkind	un- + kind = unkind, which means not kind.
8. again	The prefix re- means again, as in redo and reread.
9. B	Preheat uses pre-, which means before.
10.	Answer: Example: re- + read = reread. Reread means to read again. Accept any real word with a prefix and a correct meaning.



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