

# 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

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| 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.       | <b>Answer:</b> Example: re- + read = reread. Reread means to read again. Accept any real word with a prefix and a correct meaning. |



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