Prefixes dis-, mis-, un-

Aim

- I can add the prefixes dis-, mis-, un- to words to create new words.

Success Criteria

- I can explain what a prefix is.

- I can explain how adding the prefixes dis-, mis-, un- changes the meaning of words.

- I can create and spell new words using the prefixes dis-, mis-, un-.

- I can spell a range of words which have the prefixes dis-, mis-, un-.

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	**disconnect**
mis-	take	**mistake**
un-	cover	**uncover**

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?

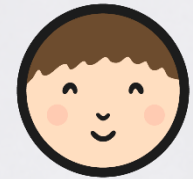|	
unhappy	Not happy.
unkind	Not kind.
uncover	To take a cover off so it is not covered.

It means '**not**'.

Prefix Sort

Use all the information you have learned and practised about the **prefixes dis-**, **mis-**, **un-**.

Work on your own to complete the **Prefix Sort Activity Sheet**.

Prefix Sort

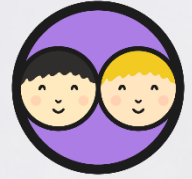I can add the prefixes dis-, mis-, un- to words to create new words.

1. Sort these words into the right boxes (some words may fit into more than one box):

able	hearten	behave	trained	own	appear
happy	inform	fortune	zip	well	like
count	infect	take	do	lucky	honest

un-	mis-	dis-

Prefix Pairs

Match the **prefix** to a **root word** to create a **new word**, these must make a real word to make a pair.

dis	**un**	**mis**
stake	**connect**	**tie**

Application Activity

Use all the information you have learned and practised about the **prefixes dis-**, **mis-**, **un-**.

Work on your own to complete the **Application Activity**.

Application Activity

1. Write a sentence for each word. The first one has been done for you.

a) unable	b) dishearten	c) misbehave	d) untrained
e) disown	f) disappear	g) unhappy	h) misinform
i) unzip	j) unwell	k) dislike	l) miscount
m) disinfect	n) uncover	o) undo	p) unlucky

a. *I was unable to go to the park because it was raining.*

b. _____

c. _____

d. _____

e. _____

f. _____

g. _____

h. _____

i. _____

j. _____

k. _____

l. _____

m. _____

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