

ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS ACTIVITY SHEET  
PREFIXES STANDARD FOUR

Curriculum Topic: Prefixes

Teaching Point: A prefix is a letter or group of letters that can be added to the beginning of a root word. When added it changes the meaning of the word.



Example: **re** (prefix) added to **write** (root word) = **rewrite** (new word)

Note the following prefixes in the table below.

Prefix	Meaning	Example
un-	not, opposite of	<b>untied</b> (not tied)
mis-	badly, wrongly	<b>mistreat</b> (treat badly)
pre-	before	<b>prepay</b> (to pay before)

Activity 1

Read the clues below. Add **un**, **mis** or **pre** to each **bolded** word to form a word that matches the clue. Write the new word in the space provided. The first one is done for you.

Underlined word and clue	New word
1. not <b>expected</b>	unexpected
2. <b>understand</b> wrongly	
3. <b>arrange</b> before	
4. <b>pronounce</b> wrongly	
5. not <b>aware</b>	
6. bad <b>behaviour</b>	
7. <b>test</b> before	
8. bad <b>fortune</b>	
9. not <b>common</b>	
10. <b>view</b> before	

## Activity 2

Read the sentences below. Fill in the correct prefixes to complete the words highlighted.

1. Sasha was \_\_\_\_happy when she did not get the toy she wanted.
2. Finding a word in a dictionary is a good way to avoid \_\_\_\_spelling it.
3. If you are going out to sea, it is a good idea to take the \_\_\_\_caution of wearing a life jacket.
4. Fortunately, the driver was \_\_\_\_hurt in the accident.
5. Many toddlers attend \_\_\_\_school before going to Primary school.
6. Jim has on two different colour socks, they are \_\_\_\_matched.
7. You must \_\_\_\_heat the oven before you put the cookies in it.
8. People who are \_\_\_\_employed are always looking for a job.

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**Activity 3**



**Circle the prefixes used in the passage.**

Mary enjoys cooking. She believes that precooked food can be unhealthy. Her kitchen is well organised. Nothing is ever misplaced. One of her favourite prepaid cable channel is 'The Food Network'. If anything hampers her from viewing the baking show, she becomes very unhappy. Whenever she attempts a new dish, she reads the instructions carefully to ensure they are not misunderstood.

Mary is unlike her sister, Jen. Jen seems unable to cook or even bake a good bread. Mary, on the other hand, is unafraid of a baking challenge. She takes the precaution of preplanning to ensure all goes well in her kitchen. It is always a delight to visit Mary after she has completed her baking. No one is ever mistreated. Everyone gets a hefty serving of her tasty dish. Jen believes that Mary is just unable to say no to her friends, who always want more food.

**Activity 4**

Using at least 5 different prefix words create your own poem or story. You can choose from all three (3) activities.

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**ANSWER KEY**

Activity 1

1. not expected unexpected
2. understand wrongly misunderstand
3. arrange before prearrange
4. pronounce wrongly mispronounce
5. not aware unaware
6. bad behaviour misbehaviour
7. test before pretest
8. bad fortune misfortune
9. not common uncommon
10. view before preview

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2. Finding a word in a dictionary is a good way to avoid misspelling it.
3. If you are going out to sea, it is a good idea to take the precaution of wearing a life jacket.
4. Fortunately, the driver was unhurt in the accident.
5. Many toddlers attend preschool before going to Primary school.
6. Jim has on two different colour socks, they are mismatched.
7. You must preheat the oven before you put the cookies in it.
8. People who are unemployed are always looking for a job.

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Activity 4

Any free response that has at least 5 prefixes is acceptable.