

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: **un** (prefix) added to **tie** (root word) = **untie** (new word)

Some prefixes can have the same meaning. However, the root word determines which prefix should be used.

Note the prefixes in the table below.

Prefix	Meaning	Example
dis-	not, opposite of	dislike (do not like)
in-	not, opposite of	incomplete (not complete)
non-	not, opposite of	nonliving (not living)

Activity 1

Insert the missing prefixes, **dis**, **in** or **non** in the sentences below. Use your dictionary to ensure it is the correct prefix.

1. Joe's answers were ----correct, so he had to revise his work.
2. The sisters always -----agree on who should wash the dishes.
3. Miss Lalla does not tolerate -----sense in her class.
4. It is challenging to have a conversation with someone who talks -----stop.
5. Mary was punished because she ----obeyed her parent's instructions.
6. The ----decent attire of the group prevented them from entering the compound.
7. People who are -----honest usually get into trouble with the law.
8. It is best to use a ----stick frying pan when making pancakes.
9. My father is helplessly ----efficient at fixing things.
10. They sat in shock and -----belief as they listened to the press conference.

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Activity 2



Circle the prefixes in the passage below.

At the end of the month, there is always a mad rush to get to the grocery. Many people are inconsiderate and block the aisles with their trolleys. Sometimes goods can even disappear from basket. The level of dishonesty increases at the checkout lines. People seem to forget that a line exists. Things go smoothly only when a no nonsense guard is around. I always feel sorry for the cashier who gives incorrect change. The dissatisfied customer complains incessantly about the training of the staff. Inappropriate behaviour can escalate if a cashier dares to tell a customer that the item is nonrefundable. It is truly amazing to see how discourteous people can be to each other. I have had too many bad experiences. I really dislike going to the grocery when it's month end.

Activity 3

Create sentences using the words in the box. Use your dictionary if you do not know the meaning of the words.

insecure	disloyal	independent
nonfat	disapprove	nonfiction

1. -----
2. -----
3. -----
4. -----
5. -----
6. -----

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ANSWER KEY



Activity 1

1. Joe's answers were incorrect, so he had to revise his work.
2. The sisters always disagree on which one should wash the dishes.
3. Miss Lalla does not tolerate nonsense in her class.
4. It is challenging to have a conversation with someone who talks nonstop.
5. Mary was punished because she disobeyed her parent's instructions.
6. The indecent attire of the group, prevented them from entering the compound.
7. People who are dishonest usually get into trouble with the law.
8. It is best to use a nonstick frying pan when making pancakes.
9. My father is helplessly inefficient at fixing things.
10. They sat in shock and disbelief as their house was surrounded by fire.

Activity 2

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Activity 3

Free response sentences.

1. -----
2. -----
3. -----
4. -----
5. -----
6. -----