



Unit 1

A **prefix** is a word part that comes before a base word. A prefix changes a word's meaning.

The prefixes **dis-** and **in-** mean "not," "the opposite of," or "without."

Add the prefix **dis-** or **in-** to complete each word. Then complete each sentence below with a word from the box. Use a dictionary, if necessary, to choose the correct prefix.

_____ valid	_____ appear	_____ obey	_____ accurate
_____ respect	_____ capable	_____ trust	_____ continue
_____ equality	_____ frequently	_____ complete	_____ considerate

1. I'm pretty sure that I am _____ of lifting a 100-pound weight.
2. Magicians can't really make objects _____, can they?
3. Jay did not add up the numbers carefully, so his answer was _____.
4. When the fire alarm sounded, we had to _____ the art lesson.
5. This discount coupon is _____ because it expired last month.
6. It was _____ of you to hurt your little brother's feelings.
7. Please don't show _____ to others by moving ahead of them in line.
8. It snows _____ in Florida, so people get excited when it does.
9. I _____ people who have tried to trick me in the past.
10. You should not _____ your parents by staying up past your bedtime.
11. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., led the fight against racial _____.
12. Please finish your homework. Don't turn it in if it is _____.

A **prefix** is a word part that comes before a base word or another word part. A prefix changes a word's meaning.

The prefix **mis-** means "bad" or "wrong."

The prefix **de-** means "down," "away from," "off," or "to reverse the process of."

Add the prefix **mis-** or **de-** to each word or word part in parentheses.
Write the new word to complete the sentence.

1. Bring plenty of water on the hike so that you don't get _____.
(hydrated)
2. I changed my shirt because of a _____ involving chocolate milk.
(hap)
3. Our principal expels students only for serious forms of _____.
(conduct)
4. The street was blocked off, so Mom had to take a _____ to work.
(tour)
5. A _____ caused Jack and Bo to get into an argument.
(understanding)
6. To return to camp, we must _____ from the mountain.
(scend)
7. People who _____ their pets should not be allowed to keep them.
(treat)
8. I didn't buy enough food because I had _____ the number of guests.
(counted)
9. A _____ in rainfall has led to dry conditions.
(crease)
10. A computer expert _____ Dad's laptop when it wasn't working properly.
(bugged)
11. Natural events such as earthquakes can cause great _____.
(struction)
12. Some commercials use exaggeration to _____ viewers.
(lead)

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The prefix **re-** means "again" or "back." The prefix **multi-** means "many."

re + build = **rebuild** ("to build again")

multi + purpose = **multipurpose** ("having many purposes")

A. Add the prefix **re-** or **multi-** to each word.

Use a dictionary if necessary.

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| 1. _____ media | 6. _____ fund |
| 2. _____ view | 7. _____ cultural |
| 3. _____ grain | 8. _____ write |
| 4. _____ call | 9. _____ colored |
| 5. _____ cover | 10. _____ new |

B. Write a word from Activity A that matches each clue.

1. to pay back money
2. to find something again after it was lost
3. something with more than one color
4. a bread with many grains
5. to take another look at what was learned
6. the use of several media to make a presentation
7. including several different cultures
8. to write something again
