Prefixes *super-, dis-, pre-, semi-, uni-*

supermarket	**displease**	**preview**	**semicircle**	**unicycle**
superhuman	**dishonest**	**prehistoric**	**semiprecious**	**unicorn**

A **PREFIX** IS A WORD PART THAT IS ADDED TO THE BEGINNING OF A WORD. A PREFIX CHANGES THE MEANING OF THE WORD.

super- means "more than"
pre- means "before"
uni- means "one"
dis- means "not; away"
semi- means "half"

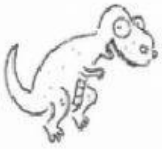
A **supermarket** is a large food store.

Someone who is **superhuman** shows extra strength or power.
If you **displease** someone, you annoy that person.
A person who cheats or lies is **dishonest**.
If you get a **preview** of something, you see it in advance.
Prehistoric means "before recorded history."
A **semicircle** is half a circle. / **Semiprecious** jewels aren't as valuable as precious ones.
A **unicycle** has one wheel.
A **unicorn** is an imaginary animal with one horn on its forehead.

A. Add the correct prefix to each word to form a new word. Use the meaning clue in parentheses to help you.

1. (before) _____ view
2. (one) _____ cycle
3. (not) _____ please
4. (half) _____ precious
5. (more than) _____ human
6. (more than) _____ market

B. Write the correct word to complete each sentence. Use the picture clues to help you.

1.  I am _____ .
2. I am a _____ .
3. I am _____ .
4. I am a _____ .

Prefixes *non-*, *en-*, *multi-*, *post-*, *trans-*

nonfiction	**en**rage	**multi**colored	**post**date	**trans**continental
nonstop	**en**danger	**multi**purpose	**post**script	**trans**plant

A **PREFIX** IS A WORD PART THAT IS ADDED TO THE BEGINNING OF A WORD. A PREFIX CHANGES THE MEANING OF THE WORD.

non- means "not"
multi- means "many"
trans- means "across"
en- means "to cause"
post- means "after"

Nonfiction books are about real people and events.

When you travel **nonstop**, you don't stop along the way.
If you make someone really angry, you **enrage** that person.
By putting someone in harm's way, you **endanger** that person.
Something **multicolored** has many colors. / A **multipurpose** tool has many uses.
If you **postdate** something, you give a date later than the true date.
A **postscript** is added to the end of a letter after the signature.
Transcontinental means "across the continent."
When you **transplant** something, you move it from one place to another.

A. Add the correct prefix to each word to form a new word. Use the meaning clue in parentheses to help you.

1. (to cause) _____ rage
2. (not) _____ stop
3. (after) _____ date
4. (many) _____ purpose
5. (across) _____ continental
6. (after) _____ script

B. Write the correct word to complete each sentence. Use the picture clues to help you.

1. I am _____ .
2. We are _____ .
3. They will _____ me.
4. I can _____ you.

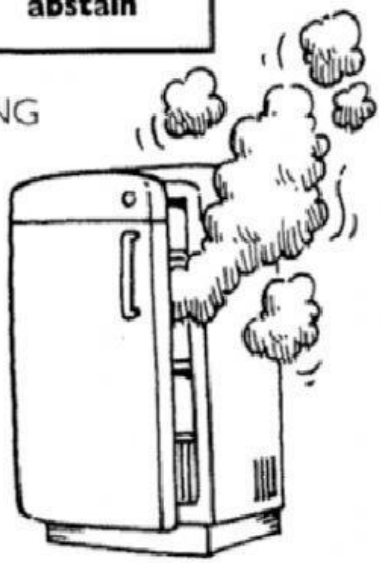
Prefixes *retro-, ir-, mal-, inter-, ab-*

retroactive	**irresponsible**	**malfunction**	**intersection**	**abduct**
retrospective	**irrational**	**malformed**	**interpose**	**abstain**

A **PREFIX** IS A WORD PART THAT HAS BEEN ADDED TO THE BEGINNING OF A WORD AND CHANGES THE WORD'S MEANING.

retro- means "backward"
ir- means "not"
mal- means "bad"
inter- means "between"
ab- means "from"

If something **malfunctions**, it doesn't work.



A law that is **retroactive** applies to events before the law was passed.

A **retrospective** is a survey of past experiences.

If you are **irresponsible**, you are not responsible.

When someone is **irrational**, that person is not thinking clearly.

Malformed means "poorly shaped." / An **intersection** is where one thing crosses another.

To **interpose** means "to come between things." / **Abduct** means "carry off by force."

If you **abstain** from something, you do without it.

A. **Read the words in each row. Write a vocabulary word that means almost the same thing.**

1. unreliable, untrustworthy _____
2. refrain, forego _____
3. intervene, insert _____
4. distorted, misshapen _____
5. seize, kidnap _____
6. illogical, unreasonable _____

B. **Add the correct prefix to each word to form a new word. Use the meaning clue in parentheses to help you.**

1. (backward) _____active
2. (between) _____section
3. (bad) _____function
4. (backward) _____spective

Prefixes *bi-, com-, il-, hydro-, mono-*

bivalve	**commiserate**	**illegal**	**hydroplane**	**monotone**
biannual	**compile**	**illiterate**	**hydroelectric**	**monosyllable**

A **PREFIX** IS A WORD PART THAT HAS BEEN ADDED TO THE BEGINNING OF A WORD AND CHANGES THE WORD'S MEANING.

bi- means "two"
com- means "with"
il- means "not"
hydro- means "water"
mono- means "single"

A **bivalve** is a shell with two parts that hinge together.

A **biannual** event occurs twice a year.

If you **commiserate** with someone, you feel sorrow for his or her trouble.

When you **compile** things, you collect them. / Something that is **illegal** is against the law.

A person who does not know how to read or write is **illiterate**.

A **hydroplane** can land or take off on water. / Electricity made from waterpower is **hydroelectric.**

Monotone means "sameness of tone or style." / A **monosyllable** is a word with one syllable.

A. Read each word. Write the word from the box that means almost the same thing.

compile	**commiserate**
illiterate	**illegal**
monotone	**hydroplane**

1. unlearned _____
2. seaplane _____
3. pity _____
4. unlawful _____
5. assemble _____
6. drone _____

B. Add the correct prefix to each word to form a new word. Use the meaning clue in parentheses to help you.

1. (two) _____valve
2. (single) _____syllable
3. (water) _____electric
4. (two) _____annual