



A **prefix** is a letter or group of letters added at the beginning of a word to form a new word.

The prefix **un-** usually means “not.” Prefixes **in-**, **im-**, and **ir-** can also mean “not.”

The prefix **im-** usually appears at the beginning of words that begin with **m** or **p**. For example, **impossible**.

The prefix **ir-** usually appears at the beginning of words that begin with **r**. For example, **irresponsible**.

The prefix **in-** usually appears at the beginning of words that begin with all other letters. For example, **inactive**.

Write the correct prefix for each word. (im, in, ir, un)

1. <u>un</u> sure	2. ____ replaceable	3. ____ perfect	4. ____ regular
5. ____ agree	6. ____ complete	7. ____ exact	8. ____ responsible

Match the above word to the meaning.

1. <u>Unsure</u> : not sure.	5. _____: not agree
2. _____: not perfect	6. _____: not complete
3. _____: not exact	7. _____: not regular
4. _____: not replaceable	8. _____: not responsible

The prefix **mis-** means “bad” or “wrong.” For example, **mistreat** = to treat badly.

The prefix **dis-** means “not.” For example, **disapprove** = to not approve.

Add the prefix to make a new word and write the definition.

1. Dis + able = disable → to not be able.
2. Dis + agree = _____ → _____
3. Mis + count = _____ → _____
4. Mis + spell = _____ → _____
5. Dis + connect = _____ → _____