

Prefixes

Name: _____

Group: _____

Prefixes are morphemes (specific groups of letters with a particular semantic meaning) that are added onto the beginning of roots and base words to change their meaning.

Prefix	Meaning	Example
dis-	Not, remove	agree - disagree
in-	Not, without	correct – incorrect
im- (root with <i>b, m, p</i>)		mature – immature
il- (root with <i>l</i>)		logical – illogical
ir- (root with <i>r</i>)		rational - irrational
mis-	Wrong	understand - misunderstand
pre-	Before	school - preschool
un-	Not, remove	happy – unhappy

I. Check the words in a dictionary to add the correct prefix to them.

1. clear
2. legal
3. behave
4. obedient
5. history
6. hear
7. believable
8. advantage
9. sane
10. mobile
11. view
12. lucky
13. reparable
14. perfect
15. important
16. organized
17. appropriate
18. reversible
19. pay
20. direction

II. Complete the sentences with the best word from the box.

impolite	irregular	unhealthy	misinformation
mistake	incorrect	intolerable	uncomfortable
dishonest	preoccupation		

1. There is too much _____ on the internet.
2. These shoes are really _____. I can't walk anymore.
3. The teacher said that all the answers were _____.
4. Victor has been _____ with us. We don't believe him anymore.
5. _____ verbs change to different forms, for example, "eat", "ate", "eaten".
6. Many people prefer to eat cheap, _____ food.
7. I quit because the environment in the office became _____.
8. My biggest _____ is to pass the admission exam.
9. It is very _____ to point directly to people.
10. I took and answered your book by _____.