

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.

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