



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	enrage	multicolored	postdate	transcontinental
nonstop	endanger	multipurpose	postscript	transplant

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non- means "not"

en- means "to cause"

multi- means "many"

post- means "after"

trans- means "across"



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
retrospective

irresponsible
irrational

malfunction
malformed

intersection
interpose

abduct
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"

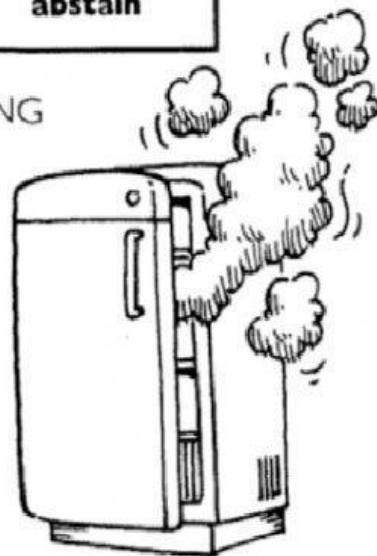
ir- means "not"

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