

TIP

Each prefix below has a meaning, and it changes the meaning of the base word or root that it is added to.

ex = out of or from, as in express

de = down or away from, as in defend

dis and **un** = not or the opposite of, as in unclear

ad = to, at, or toward, as in advice

LIST WORDS

1. *express*
2. *design*
3. *unknown*
4. *admit*
5. *unclear*
6. *explore*
7. *disagree*
8. *defend*
9. *unreal*
10. *adventure*
11. *unwise*
12. *disclose*
13. *advice*
14. *excuse*
15. *disinterested*
16. *dishonest*
17. *unprepared*
18. *unpleasant*
19. *advance*
20. *adverb*

Spelling Practice

Identifying Prefixes

Write each **list word** under the correct heading.

words with the prefix **un**

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| 1. _____ | 2. _____ |
| 3. _____ | 4. _____ |
| 5. _____ | 6. _____ |

words with the prefix **ex**

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| 7. _____ | 8. _____ |
| 9. _____ | |

words with the prefix **dis**

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| 10. _____ | 11. _____ |
| 12. _____ | 13. _____ |

words with the prefix **ad**

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| 14. _____ | 15. _____ |
| 16. _____ | 17. _____ |
| 18. _____ | |

words with the prefix **de**

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| 19. _____ | 20. _____ |
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Comparing Words

The first two underlined words in each sentence are related. Write a **list word** that has the same relationship to the third underlined word.

1. Adjective is to noun as _____ is to verb.
2. Fair is to unfair as honest is to _____.
3. Backward is to behind as forward is to _____.
4. Unlike is to like as _____ is to agree.
5. Involved is to interested as uninvolved is to _____.
6. Say is to speak as _____ is to declare.
7. True is to untrue as real is to _____.
8. Happy is to unhappy as pleasant is to _____.
9. Clever is to smart as _____ is to foolish.

Word Building

Add and subtract letters to form **list words**.

1. unknot - t + wn = _____
2. slice - sl + adv = _____
3. desire - re + gn = _____
4. admire - re + t = _____
5. amuse - am + exc = _____
6. resend - r + d - s + f = _____
7. reappear - re + un - app + cl = _____
8. repose - re + dis - p + cl = _____
9. replace - re + ex - ac + or = _____
10. invention - in + ad - ion + ure = _____



Spelling and Writing

Proofreading

The article below has nine mistakes. Use the proofreading marks to fix each mistake. Then, write the misspelled **list words** correctly on the lines.

Having a cold is certainly unpleasant—especially if you are unprepared for that sudden sneeze. Here's some good advise: "Keep a handkerchief close by."

Handkerchiefs have been used for a long time. In the first century B.C., they were made from linen. Later on, in the Far East, silk was used. In the 1600s, handkerchiefs of every size shape, and dezzine could be found. Some had lace and buttons. Imagine using a handkerchief decorated with gemstones! Toward the 1800s, people became disintarested in these fancy pieces of cloth and began to use tissues.

Proofreading Marks

- spelling mistake
- ¶ indent paragraph
- ^ add something



1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____