

Prefixes *un-*, *dis-*, *in-*

Generalization When adding prefixes **un-**, **dis-**, and **in-**, make no change in the base word: **discount**, **uncertain**, **incomplete**.

Word Sort Sort the list words by their prefix.

un-

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____

dis-

10. _____
11. _____
12. _____
13. _____
14. _____
15. _____
16. _____
17. _____

in-

18. _____
19. _____
20. _____

Challenge Words

un-

21. _____
22. _____

dis-

23. _____
24. _____

in-

25. _____

Spelling Words

1. distrust
2. uncertain
3. incomplete
4. unlikely
5. unfair
6. discontinue
7. unaware
8. disorder
9. discount
10. indirect
11. unopened
12. disrespect
13. unimportant
14. unlisted
15. disrepair
16. inability
17. disapprove
18. unsolved
19. disobey
20. unsuspecting

Challenge Words

21. disintegrate
22. disillusioned
23. unconscious
24. unappetizing
25. intolerant



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distrust	uncertain	incomplete	unlikely	unfair
discontinue	unaware	disorder	discount	indirect
unopened	disrespect	unimportant	unlisted	disrepair
inability	disapprove	unsolved	disobey	unsuspecting

Add Prefixes Write the list word that can replace the underlined words.

- The mystery of the missing book is still not solved. 1. _____
- My best friend's phone number is not listed. 2. _____
- We decided to not continue the newspaper delivery. 3. _____
- We do not trust people who do not tell the truth. 4. _____
- It's seven o'clock, and my homework is still not complete. 5. _____
- It's not likely that we'll see a flying elephant anytime soon. 6. _____
- The new box of cookies is not opened. 7. _____
- The puppy does not mean to not obey. 8. _____
- The outcome of the contest is still not certain. 9. _____

Synonyms Write a list word that has the same or almost the same meaning as the clues.

- not suspicious 10. _____
- ignorant 11. _____
- mess 12. _____
- rudeness 13. _____
- roundabout 14. _____
- unjust 15. _____
- insignificant 16. _____
- ruin 17. _____
- money off 18. _____
- turn down 19. _____
- lack of skill 20. _____



Home Activity Your child wrote words with prefixes *un-*, *dis-*, and *in-*. Say base words. Ask your child to add a prefix to say the list word.

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Proofread a Letter Circle seven misspelled words in the letter. Write the words correctly. Add the missing punctuation mark.

Dear Mayor

It seems that you are inaware of the state of the city playground. The workers seem to have discontinued their work, even though the project is still uncomplete. There is inorder everywhere. It appears that you think the needs of children are immportant. We think it is best that you keep this unsafe place to play disopened untill everything is fixed.

Yours truly,
The Fourth Grade Class

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

Missing Words Circle the letter of the word that is spelled correctly. Write it.

8. I love finding bargains at the ____ store.
A. discont B. discount C. miscount
9. I am ____ of the exact directions to the museum.
A. uncertan B. incertain C. uncertain
10. In the ____ event of a flood, go up the hill.
A. unlikly B. unlikey C. unlikely
11. Why does your dog always ____ your commands?
A. disobey B. disobay C. diobey
12. I have an ____ to keep a knapsack neat and in order.
A. unability B. inability C. inabilty

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Frequently Misspelled Words

until
into

8. _____
9. _____
10. _____
11. _____
12. _____



Home Activity Your child identified misspelled words with prefixes *un-*, *dis-*, and *in-*. Say a prefix and have your child name list words that begin with the prefix.

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unopened	disrespect	unimportant	unlisted	disrepair
inability	disapprove	unsolved	disobey	unsuspecting

Match Add a prefix to complete each list word. Write the complete word.

- | | |
|----------------|-----------|
| 1. ___obey | 1. _____ |
| 2. ___listed | 2. _____ |
| 3. ___direct | 3. _____ |
| 4. ___opened | 4. _____ |
| 5. ___trust | 5. _____ |
| 6. ___ability | 6. _____ |
| 7. ___fair | 7. _____ |
| 8. ___repair | 8. _____ |
| 9. ___complete | 9. _____ |
| 10. ___order | 10. _____ |

Cryptogram Complete the words and the grid. The clue letters will help you.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
12				13							22		26					23	21	10					

11. **n** **l e t e**

25 26 9 8 14 16 22 13 21 13

12. **u n** **t a n t**

10 26 25 14 16 8 1 21 12 26 21

13. **u n l** **e l**

10 26 22 25 4 13 22 15

14. **n a** **l t**

25 26 12 19 25 22 25 21 15

15. **u n a** **a e**

10 26 12 17 12 1 13

16. **s a** **e**

7 25 23 12 16 16 1 8 20 13

17. **n** **e t**

25 26 7 25 1 13 9 21

18. **u n s** **l e**

10 26 23 8 22 20 13 7

19. **s e s e t**

7 25 23 1 13 23 16 13 9 21

20. **u n s u s e t n**

10 26 23 10 23 16 13 9 21 25 26 11



Home Activity Your child read, spelled, and wrote words with prefixes *un-*, *dis-*, and *in-*. Look through other printed materials to find more words with these prefixes.