Prefixes

A prefix is a word that is joined to the front of another to change, or add to, its meaning, e.g. disadvantage, overactive, unhealthy.

GETTING STARTED

Prefixes can be added to create a word’s antonym or opposite, e.g. un + happy = unhappy.

1. Use your Oxford dictionary to work out which prefix should be added to the words to create the opposite.

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2. What do the prefixes mean?

   in-    __________________________________________________________
   mis-    __________________________________________________________
   un-    __________________________________________________________

MOVING ON

Add each prefix to two of the words below to make new words. Use each word only once.

1. be- (around) __________________________ __________________________
2. fore- (before) __________________________ __________________________
3. mid- (middle) __________________________ __________________________
4. out- (surpassing) __________________________ __________________________
5. over- (too much) __________________________ __________________________

friend    pace           crowded               tell     term              paid
          drive                  side             night     arm

How many did you get right?

10 = NOVICE  15 = EXPERT  20 = MAESTRO

You can use your Oxford English Dictionary for Schools and your Oxford Student’s Dictionary for these activities.