Prefixes
Letters that are added to the beginning of a word are called a prefix. They change or add to the meaning of the original word. Prefixes include: dis-, un-, im-, in-, il-, ir-.
The following prefixes change a word to its opposite or antonym.
- dis + appear = disappear (note that there is only one s)
- un + usual = unusual
- im + moral = immoral (notice that you need double m here)
- in + capable = incapable
- il + legal = illegal (double l needed here)
- ir + responsible = irresponsible

Suffixes
Letters added to the end of a word are called a suffix. They make a different word. Suffixes include: -ible, -able, -ful, -less.
- responsible, miserable, skilful, careless

1. Add a prefix to the following adjectives to form opposites.
   a. educated
d. equal
   b. embark
e. expert
c. efficient
2. Choose an im-, in-, ir-, or il- prefix for the following:
   a. audible
f. resolute
b. convenient
g. passive
c. legible
h. essential
d. mortal
i. sane
e. regular
j. reverent

Jabberwocky
Twas brillig, and the slithy toves
Did gyre and gimble in the wabe;
All mimsy were the borogoves,
And the mome raths outgrabe.

"Beware the Jabberwock, my son!
The jaws that bite, the claws that catch!
Beware the Jubjub bird, and shun
The frumious Bandersnatch!"
He took his vorpal sword in hand;
Long time the manxome foe he sought –
So rested he by the Tumtum tree,
And stood awhile in thought.
And, as in uffish thought he stood,
The Jabberwock, with eyes of flame,
Came whiffling through the tulgey wood,
And burbled as it came!
One, two! One, two! And through and through
The vorpal blade went snicker-snack!
He left it dead, and with its head
He went galumphing back.
"And hast thou slain the Jabberwock?
Come to my arms, my beamish boy!
O frabjous day! Callooh! Callay!"
He chortled in his joy.

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Invented words
Work with a partner.
1. Find five invented words in the “Jabberwocky”.
2. Look at the following words and the context in which each has been used. Decide whether the word is a verb, noun, adjective or adverb and find an alternative real word to replace it.
   a. frumious (line 8)
b. whiffling (line 15)
c. vorpal (line 18)
d. galumphing (line 20)
e. frabjous (line 23)