

Prefixes

Pre means before

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Prefixes go on the front of words!

The “un” Prefix

- What does it mean?
- Put “un” in front of: ***lucky, fortunate, happy, available, reliable, acceptable, desirable, grateful***
- What happens to the meaning of these words?
- That’s right, they reverse!

The 'ir' Prefix

- What does it mean?
- What happens to the meaning when you put "ir" in front of these words: ***regular, relevant, reconcilable, responsible, refutable.***
- That's right, the new word means the opposite!
- Irregular, Irresponsible, Irrelevant, Irrefutable
Irreconcilable,

The 'en' prefix

- You can add "en" to **some** words, making a new word.
- Example: List becomes Enlist (joining the army)

'En' words?

■ These:

■ A



B



C



Did you get them?

- A = Enforce
- B = Endangered
- C = Enrage
- Write these words in your Spelling Book

The 'anti' Prefix

- No "Anti", not Auntie!



Anti means opposite!

- Can you think of any 'anti' words in your pairs?
- Anticlimax, Antibiotic, Antichrist (the Devil!), Anticlockwise, Anticyclone, Antihero



■ Add these words to your Spelling Book:

■ Antihero

■ Antichrist

■ Antibiotics

■ Anticlimax



The “in” Prefix

- Another prefix that reverses the meaning of the stem word!
- These stem words take “in” rather than “un” or “im”
- Add ‘in’ to these words: ***ability, animate, valid, attentive, digestible, delicate, decisive, human, tolerant, accessible***

Then there is the “il” prefix!

- Again, “il” reverses words! Why so many prefixes for the same job?

Try these words: *legal, legible, literate, legitimate*

- Legal becomes *Illegal*
- Legible becomes *Illegible*
- Literate becomes *Illiterate*
- Legitimate becomes *Illegitimate.*

'in' prefix

- The "in" prefix reverses the meaning of the stem word!

Add 'in' to: ***ability, capable, frequent, elegant, visible***

- Ability = Inability
- Capable = Incapable
- Frequent = Infrequent
- Elegant = Inelegant
- Visible = Invisible



Test

- Which prefix goes before these words? You can choose from **il**, **ir**, **un**, **anti**, **in**, **en**
- Legal
- Predictable
- Relevant
- Climax
- Danger
- Valid
- Fortunate

