

## Prefixes

### Grade 3

#### Exercise 1: Adding Prefixes

Add the correct prefix to each word below. Then write the meaning of the new word.

1. \_\_\_\_ + happy = \_\_\_\_\_ (meaning: \_\_\_\_\_)
2. \_\_\_\_ + lock = \_\_\_\_\_ (meaning: \_\_\_\_\_)
3. \_\_\_\_ + safe = \_\_\_\_\_ (meaning: \_\_\_\_\_)
4. \_\_\_\_ + fair = \_\_\_\_\_ (meaning: \_\_\_\_\_)
5. \_\_\_\_ + tie = \_\_\_\_\_ (meaning: \_\_\_\_\_)
6. \_\_\_\_ + write = \_\_\_\_\_ (meaning: \_\_\_\_\_)
7. \_\_\_\_ + do = \_\_\_\_\_ (meaning: \_\_\_\_\_)
8. \_\_\_\_ + agree = \_\_\_\_\_ (meaning: \_\_\_\_\_)
9. \_\_\_\_ + appear = \_\_\_\_\_ (meaning: \_\_\_\_\_)
10. \_\_\_\_ + view = \_\_\_\_\_ (meaning: \_\_\_\_\_)
11. \_\_\_\_ + spell = \_\_\_\_\_ (meaning: \_\_\_\_\_)
12. \_\_\_\_ + place = \_\_\_\_\_ (meaning: \_\_\_\_\_)
13. \_\_\_\_ + correct = \_\_\_\_\_ (meaning: \_\_\_\_\_)
14. \_\_\_\_ + complete = \_\_\_\_\_ (meaning: \_\_\_\_\_)
15. \_\_\_\_ + possible = \_\_\_\_\_ (meaning: \_\_\_\_\_)
16. \_\_\_\_ + polite = \_\_\_\_\_ (meaning: \_\_\_\_\_)
17. \_\_\_\_ + fiction = \_\_\_\_\_ (meaning: \_\_\_\_\_)
18. \_\_\_\_ + stop = \_\_\_\_\_ (meaning: \_\_\_\_\_)
19. \_\_\_\_ + heat = \_\_\_\_\_ (meaning: \_\_\_\_\_)
20. \_\_\_\_ + cook = \_\_\_\_\_ (meaning: \_\_\_\_\_)

## Exercise 2: Match the Prefix

Draw a line to match each prefix with the correct base word. Then write the complete word and its meaning.

### Column A (Prefix) Column B (Base Word) New Word Meaning

1. re- | agree | \_\_\_\_\_ | \_\_\_\_\_
2. dis- | view | \_\_\_\_\_ | \_\_\_\_\_
3. pre- | read | \_\_\_\_\_ | \_\_\_\_\_
4. un- | behave | \_\_\_\_\_ | \_\_\_\_\_
5. mis- | clear | \_\_\_\_\_ | \_\_\_\_\_
6. in- | play | \_\_\_\_\_ | \_\_\_\_\_
7. re- | like | \_\_\_\_\_ | \_\_\_\_\_
8. dis- | do | \_\_\_\_\_ | \_\_\_\_\_
9. un- | school | \_\_\_\_\_ | \_\_\_\_\_
10. pre- | understand | \_\_\_\_\_ | \_\_\_\_\_
11. mis- | visible | \_\_\_\_\_ | \_\_\_\_\_
12. in- | fair | \_\_\_\_\_ | \_\_\_\_\_
13. un- | pack | \_\_\_\_\_ | \_\_\_\_\_
14. re- | build | \_\_\_\_\_ | \_\_\_\_\_
15. dis- | obey | \_\_\_\_\_ | \_\_\_\_\_
16. pre- | connect | \_\_\_\_\_ | \_\_\_\_\_
17. mis- | heat | \_\_\_\_\_ | \_\_\_\_\_
18. non- | lead | \_\_\_\_\_ | \_\_\_\_\_
19. over- | fiction | \_\_\_\_\_ | \_\_\_\_\_
20. under- | eat | \_\_\_\_\_ | \_\_\_\_\_

### Exercise 3: Prefix Detective

Read each sentence below. Circle the word with a prefix, underline the prefix, and write what the base word is.

1. Please **rewrite** your name neatly at the top of the page.
  - Prefix: \_\_\_\_\_ Base word: \_\_\_\_\_
2. The teacher was **unhappy** with the noise in the classroom.
  - Prefix: \_\_\_\_\_ Base word: \_\_\_\_\_
3. Don't **disconnect** the computer while it's updating!
  - Prefix: \_\_\_\_\_ Base word: \_\_\_\_\_
4. Let's **preview** the movie trailer before deciding to watch it.
  - Prefix: \_\_\_\_\_ Base word: \_\_\_\_\_
5. I **misunderstood** the homework instructions yesterday.
  - Prefix: \_\_\_\_\_ Base word: \_\_\_\_\_
6. The magician made the coin **disappear** from his hand.
  - Prefix: \_\_\_\_\_ Base word: \_\_\_\_\_
7. It's **impolite** to interrupt when someone is speaking.
  - Prefix: \_\_\_\_\_ Base word: \_\_\_\_\_
8. We need to **recycle** these bottles and cans.
  - Prefix: \_\_\_\_\_ Base word: \_\_\_\_\_
9. The answer you gave is **incorrect**.
  - Prefix: \_\_\_\_\_ Base word: \_\_\_\_\_
10. My little brother often **misbehaves** at dinner time.
  - Prefix: \_\_\_\_\_ Base word: \_\_\_\_\_
11. The library has many **nonfiction** books about animals.
  - Prefix: \_\_\_\_\_ Base word: \_\_\_\_\_
12. I need to **repaint** my bedroom walls this weekend.
  - Prefix: \_\_\_\_\_ Base word: \_\_\_\_\_
13. The teacher asked us to **underline** the important words.

- Prefix: \_\_\_\_\_ Base word: \_\_\_\_\_

14. It's **unsafe** to run near the swimming pool.

- Prefix: \_\_\_\_\_ Base word: \_\_\_\_\_

15. Please **preheat** the oven before baking the cookies.

- Prefix: \_\_\_\_\_ Base word: \_\_\_\_\_

16. I **overslept** this morning and was late for school.

- Prefix: \_\_\_\_\_ Base word: \_\_\_\_\_

17. The puzzle is **incomplete** because two pieces are missing.

- Prefix: \_\_\_\_\_ Base word: \_\_\_\_\_

18. Don't **overload** your backpack with too many books.

- Prefix: \_\_\_\_\_ Base word: \_\_\_\_\_

19. It was **dishonest** of him to copy someone else's work.

- Prefix: \_\_\_\_\_ Base word: \_\_\_\_\_

20. The submarine travelled **underwater** for hours.

- Prefix: \_\_\_\_\_ Base word: \_\_\_\_\_
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## ANSWER KEY

### Exercise 1: Adding Prefixes - Answer Key

1. **un** + happy = **unhappy** (meaning: not happy)
2. **un** + lock = **unlock** (meaning: to open a lock)
3. **un** + safe = **unsafe** (meaning: not safe, dangerous)
4. **un** + fair = **unfair** (meaning: not fair, unjust)
5. **un** + tie = **untie** (meaning: to undo a knot)
6. **re** + write = **rewrite** (meaning: to write again)
7. **re** + do = **redo** (meaning: to do again)
8. **dis** + agree = **disagree** (meaning: to not agree, have a different opinion)
9. **dis** + appear = **disappear** (meaning: to vanish, no longer visible)
10. **pre** + view = **preview** (meaning: to see beforehand)
11. **mis** + spell = **misspell** (meaning: to spell wrongly)
12. **mis** + place = **misplace** (meaning: to put in the wrong place, lose)
13. **in** + correct = **incorrect** (meaning: not correct, wrong)
14. **in** + complete = **incomplete** (meaning: not complete, unfinished)
15. **im** + possible = **impossible** (meaning: not possible, cannot be done)
16. **im** + polite = **impolite** (meaning: not polite, rude)
17. **non** + fiction = **nonfiction** (meaning: writing about real facts, not made up)
18. **non** + stop = **nonstop** (meaning: without stopping, continuous)
19. **over** + heat = **overheat** (meaning: to heat too much)
20. **under** + cook = **undercook** (meaning: to cook too little, not fully cooked)

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### Exercise 2: Match the Prefix - Answer Key

1. re- + read = **reread** (meaning: to read again)
2. dis- + agree = **disagree** (meaning: to not agree)
3. pre- + view = **preview** (meaning: to see beforehand)

4. mis- + behave = **misbehave** (meaning: to behave badly)
5. un- + clear = **unclear** (meaning: not clear, confusing)
6. in- + visible = **invisible** (meaning: cannot be seen)
7. dis- + like = **dislike** (meaning: to not like)
8. re- + do = **redo** (meaning: to do again)
9. pre- + school = **preschool** (meaning: school before kindergarten)
10. mis- + understand = **misunderstand** (meaning: to understand wrongly)
11. in- + complete = **incomplete** (meaning: not complete)
12. un- + fair = **unfair** (meaning: not fair)
13. un- + pack = **unpack** (meaning: to remove items from a suitcase or box)
14. re- + build = **rebuild** (meaning: to build again)
15. dis- + obey = **disobey** (meaning: to not obey)
16. dis- + connect = **disconnect** (meaning: to separate, unplug)
17. pre- + heat = **preheat** (meaning: to heat beforehand)
18. mis- + lead = **mislead** (meaning: to lead wrongly, deceive)
19. non- + fiction = **nonfiction** (meaning: writing about real facts)
20. over- + eat = **overeat** (meaning: to eat too much)

*Note: Under- + water = **underwater** (meaning: below the surface of water)*

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### **Exercise 3: Prefix Detective - Answer Key**

1. **rewrite** - Prefix: **re-** Base word: **write**
2. **unhappy** - Prefix: **un-** Base word: **happy**
3. **disconnect** - Prefix: **dis-** Base word: **connect**
4. **preview** - Prefix: **pre-** Base word: **view**
5. **misunderstood** - Prefix: **mis-** Base word: **understood** (or understand)
6. **disappear** - Prefix: **dis-** Base word: **appear**
7. **impolite** - Prefix: **im-** Base word: **polite**
8. **recycle** - Prefix: **re-** Base word: **cycle**

9. **incorrect** - Prefix: **in-** Base word: **correct**
10. **misbehaves** - Prefix: **mis-** Base word: **behaves** (or behave)
11. **nonfiction** - Prefix: **non-** Base word: **fiction**
12. **repaint** - Prefix: **re-** Base word: **paint**
13. **underline** - Prefix: **under-** Base word: **line**
14. **unsafe** - Prefix: **un-** Base word: **safe**
15. **preheat** - Prefix: **pre-** Base word: **heat**
16. **overslept** - Prefix: **over-** Base word: **slept** (or sleep)
17. **incomplete** - Prefix: **in-** Base word: **complete**
18. **overload** - Prefix: **over-** Base word: **load**
19. **dishonest** - Prefix: **dis-** Base word: **honest**
20. **underwater** - Prefix: **under-** Base word: **water**