

Lesson
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Prefixes and base words

Teaching

re + search = research

dis + courage = discourage

pre + caution = precaution

re + condition = recondition

dis + prove = disprove

pre + arrange = prearrange

re + fuel = refuel

dis + ability = disability

pre + diction = prediction

re + vision = revision

dis + agreement = disagreement

pre + mature = premature

re + elect = reelect

dis + advantage = disadvantage

pre + face = preface

re + surface = resurface

dis + regard = disregard

pre + school = preschool

Lesson Generalization: A **prefix** is a group of letters added to the beginning of a word to make a word with a different meaning. A prefix can be added directly to a complete word to make a new word. No change is made in the prefix or the base word.

A. Complete the following exercises.

1. Look at the words in the list above. Note that when a prefix is added to each base word, neither the prefix nor the base word changes spelling. What prefix is added to the words in the first column?

_____ Write those words. Circle the prefix in each.

2. What prefix is added to the words in the second column? _____
Write those words. Circle the prefix in each.

3. What prefix is added to the words in the third column? _____
Write those words. Circle the prefix in each.

B. Mix and match prefixes and base words using only the words in the list. Try new combinations until you find real words, and write the words on a separate sheet of paper. Compare your list to a partner's list.

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More Practice

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| 1. research | 7. discourage | 13. precaution |
| 2. recondition | 8. disprove | 14. prearrange |
| 3. refuel | 9. disability | 15. prediction |
| 4. revision | 10. disagreement | 16. premature |
| 5. reelect | 11. disadvantage | 17. preface |
| 6. resurface | 12. disregard | 18. preschool |

A. Add the missing vowels to complete each spelling word.

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| 1. d _ s _ dv _ nt _ g _ | 7. d _ s _ b _ l _ ty |
| 2. pr _ c _ _ t _ _ n | 8. r _ s _ _ rch |
| 3. pr _ _ rr _ ng _ | 9. r _ v _ s _ _ n |
| 4. d _ s _ gr _ _ m _ nt | 10. r _ f _ _ l |
| 5. d _ sr _ g _ rd | 11. pr _ f _ c _ |
| 6. pr _ m _ t _ r _ | 12. r _ s _ rf _ c _ |

B. Complete each sentence with a word from the spelling list.

- Did the two boys have a _____ over who would be in charge?
- Did your parents _____ your absence with the attendance office?
- Rina had read only the _____ of the book.
- Mark was doing _____ on sharks for his report.
- The counselors took every _____ to make the camp safe for children.
- The drivers must _____ their cars twice during the race.
- Will losing the contest _____ Fran from trying again?
- The announcement that school would close because of the snow was _____.
- Jim had been absent, so he was at a _____ when he took the test.
- Will your little brother attend _____ this year?
- Leon does not consider his injury to be a serious _____.
- This polish helps to _____ old leather.
- Do you think the class will _____ the same officers?
- We all made a _____ about who would win the World Series.
- The scientist was unable to _____ the excellent research.