Prefixes

Use Knowledge of Word Roots and Affixes

The prefix unit is made up of four sets, each containing eight prefixes. Each set includes an introductory activity, a practice activity, and a check up.

FOR EACH SET:

Introduction

Create sentences using challenge words that feature the prefix being studied.

Practice

Match Up—Complete a manipulative activity matching words to their meanings.

Check Up

Discover how much learning has taken place.
Teach test-taking strategies for true/false questions, such as statements with the words always *and* never *are rarely true.*

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Set 1: Introduction

LEVEL 4
RV1

A **prefix** is a letter or group of letters added to the front of a word root to change its meaning.
Example: **un-** **un**happy

Directions:

1. With your tutor, read each challenge word and discuss how the prefix effects its meaning. If you need further clarification, look the word up in the dictionary.
2. Then on another sheet of paper, make up a sentence for each challenge word. You may see prefixes from toolkits from other levels.

1.

Prefix: **a-** *Meaning:* **not**

Challenge Words

apathy—lacking interest

atheist—one who does not believe in the existence of any God

atrophy—wasting away

2.

Prefix: **co-** *Meaning:* **together**

Challenge Words

co-author—more than one writer collaborating together

cooperate—to work together towards a common goal

coordinate—place in the same order; to work together harmoniously

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3.

Prefix: **de-** *Meaning:* **from, down**

Challenge Words

decay—to rot

deceive—to mislead

deform—alter the shape of through pressure

4.

Prefix: **equi-** *Meaning:* **equal**

Challenge Words

equilibrium—poise

equidistant—equally distant

equator—the dividing boundary between the Southern and Northern hemispheres

5.

Prefix: **il-** *Meaning:* **not**

Challenge Words

illegal—not legal

illegible—not readable

illogical—not logical

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6.

Prefix: **macro-** *Meaning:* **large, long**

Challenge Words

macrocosm—the universe

macrobiotics—the practice of promoting long life

macroscopic—large enough to be seen without a magnifier

7.

Prefix: **peri-** *Meaning:* **all, around**

Challenge Words

perimeter—the outer limits of an area

periscope—a tubular instrument that allows for observation

periphery—the outermost part of a precise boundary

8.

Prefix: **quadr-** *Meaning:* **four, square**

Challenge Words

quadrate—a square or cube

quart—two pints, one-fourth a gallon

quarter—one of four equal parts

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Match Up

Beforehand, cut out the cards on pages 117-118.

At your tutoring session:

1. Shuffle the cards and lay them face up.
2. Challenge your student to match the word with its appropriate sentence.

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apathy	The patient's lack of interest in her recovery caused her doctor great concern.
cooperate	The task of sewing twenty costumes by the end of the week will go much faster if the two seamstresses work together.
decay	The maple tree in my backyard that fell several years ago has gone from a beautiful tree to a mass of rotting timber.
equidistant	It is equal distance from my house to each of my best friends' houses.

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illegal	It's against the law to drive the wrong way on a one way street.
macrocosm	I feel very tiny when I think about my place in the immense universe.
perimeter	The bus driver decided to take the road that ran around the outer boundary of Atlanta rather than drive through the city.
quart	There's only one-fourth a gallon of milk left in the jug.

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Name _____

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Set 1: Check Up

Gauging progress…

Read each sentence below. If the sentence is true, put a **T** on the blank. If the sentence is false, put an **F** on the line.

You may see prefixes included from toolkits for other levels.

1. _____ Two people can co-author a book together.

2. _____ A microscope is needed to see something macroscopic.

3. _____ The equator divides the earth in half.

4. _____ Four quarts make a gallon.

5. _____ Some people consider doing something illegal to be morally wrong.

6. _____ To deceive people is morally right.

7. _____ If someone is talking about something that doesn't interest you, you may appear apathetic.

8. _____ Atrophy may set in if a muscle isn't used.

9. _____ A circle is a quadrangle.

10. _____ A periscope is something you look into.

11. _____ A note cannot be illegible.

12. _____ Teeth cannot decay.

13. _____ A model needs a certain amount of equilibrium on the runway.

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Set 2: Introduction

LEVEL 4
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Directions:

1. With your tutor, read each challenge word and discuss how the prefix effects its meaning. If you need further clarification, look the word up in the dictionary.
2. Then on another sheet of paper, make up a sentence for each challenge word. You may see prefixes included from toolkits for other levels.

1.

Prefix: **ad-** *Meaning:* **to**

Challenge Words

add—to join to increase in size or scope

adhere—to stick to

admit—to allow to enter; to confess

2.

Prefix: **col-** *Meaning:* **with**

Challenge Words

collaborate—work together

colleague—a fellow member of a profession

collect—to gather

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3.

Prefix: **dec-** *Meaning:* **ten**

Challenge Words

decade—ten years

decagram—ten grams

decimeter—one-tenth of a meter

4.

Prefix: **hyper-** *Meaning:* **excessive**

Challenge Words

hyperactive—overly active

hypercritical—overly critical

hypertension—too much tension

5.

Prefix: **im-** *Meaning:* **into**

Challenge Words

immerse—to put into totally; submerge

immigrate—to enter into a new country and settle there

implant—to set into firmly

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6.

Prefix: **mal-** *Meaning:* **bad**

Challenge Words

maladjustment—unable to adjust needs of the personality to the demands of life

malevolent—acting evilly

malfunction—to function incorrectly

7.

Prefix: **poly-** *Meaning:* **many**

Challenge Words

polychromatic—having many colors

polyclinic—a clinic that treats all illnesses

polygamy—having more than one wife or husband at a time

8.

Prefix: **sub-** *Meaning:* **under**

Challenge Words

subject—under the power of another

submerge—to plunge under water

subterranean—underground

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Set 2: Check Up

Gauging progress…

Read each sentence below. Circle the word that most closely fits the meaning of the underlined words.
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1. The word *sedimentary* is a word with <u>many syllables</u>.

   malsyllabic hypersyllabic polysyllabic

2. The work of the new builder was <u>below standard</u>.

   substandard colstandard malstandard

3. Instead of drawing a rectangle, the girl drew a <u>polygon with ten angles and ten sides</u>.

   hypergon adgon decagon

4. Before the tanker sank in the storm, it was scheduled to <u>bring</u> Indian spices <u>into our port</u> at Savannah.

   adport import colport

5. The little girl was so full of <u>bad feelings</u> that she laughed when someone was hurt.

   malise collise subise

6. <u>Excessive acid</u> in the stomach can lead to asthma and cancer.

   hyperacid malacid decacid

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Set 3: Introduction

LEVEL 4
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Directions:

1. With your tutor, read each challenge word and discuss how the prefix effects its meaning. If you need further clarification, look the word up in the dictionary.
2. Then on another sheet of paper, make up a sentence for each challenge word. You may see prefixes included from toolkits for other levels.

1.

Prefix: **ante-** *Meaning:* **before**

Challenge Words

antebellum—a period of time before the Civil War

antedate—to give a date earlier than the actual date

anteroom—a waiting room

2.

Prefix: **com-** *Meaning:* **with**

Challenge Words

combat—fight with

combine—put two or more items together

commune—to share thoughts and feelings with

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3.

Prefix: **ex-** *Meaning:* **out**

Challenge Words

exceed—to go beyond

excel—to do better than others

exhaust—to drain

4.

Prefix: **intra-** *Meaning:* **within**

Challenge Words

intracardiac—within a chamber of the heart

intrastate—within a state

intravenous—within a vein

5.

Prefix: **mega-** *Meaning:* **large**

Challenge Words

megabuck—a million dollars

megalith—a very large stone used in prehistoric architecture

megastructure—an extremely large building

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Set 3: Check Up

Gauging progress…

Read each sentence below. Circle the word that most closely fits the meaning of the underlined words.
You may see prefixes included from toolkits for other levels.

1. The gardener <u>moved</u> the rose bushes <u>across</u> to the other side of the house.

   transferred explanted complanted

2. The scientists were studying the bones of a <u>gigantic dinosaur</u>.

   transaur megalosaur comsuarus

3. Responding to a fire drill <u>takes over</u> responding to the recess bell.

   antesedes supersedes megasedes

4. The preacher stood in <u>the space before the choir</u> to join them in song.

   ultrachoir transchoir antechoir

5. A model must be <u>extremely thin</u> to be successful in the fashion world.

   transthin ultrathin megathin

6. The <u>outside</u> of the house needed a fresh coat of paint.

   exterior megaterior intraterior

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Set 4: Introduction

LEVEL 4
RV1

Directions:

1. With your tutor, read each challenge word and discuss how the prefix effects its meaning. If you need further clarification, look the word up in the dictionary.
2. Then on another sheet of paper, make up a sentence for each challenge word. You may see prefixes included from toolkits for other levels.

1.

Prefix: **counter-** *Meaning:* **opposite**

Challenge Words

counteract—to act against

counterbalance—a weight that balances another

counterclaim—a claim filed against another claim

2.

Prefix: **dys-** *Meaning:* **bad**

Challenge Words

dysentery—an infection of the lower intestinal tract

dysfunctional—unable to function normally

dyspepsia—indigestion

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3.

Prefix: **extra-** *Meaning:* **outside**

Challenge Words

extracurricular—being outside the usual school curriculum

extraordinary—exceeding what is usual

extravagant—exceeding what is reasonable

4.

Prefix: **hypo-** *Meaning:* **under, too little**

Challenge Words

hypnosis—a sleeplike condition where one is open to suggestions

hypodermic—the layer just beneath the skin

hyposensitive—less than normal sensitivity

5.

Prefix: **intro-** *Meaning:* **in, inward**

Challenge Words

introduce—to present a person to another to form an acquaintance

introspection—thinking about one's own thoughts

introvert—a person whose thoughts are turned inward

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6.

Prefix: **mon-, mono-** *Meaning:* **one**

Challenge Words

monk—a member of a religious order who lives in a monastery

monarch—absolute ruler , such as a king

monogamy—being married to one person at a time

7.

Prefix: **non-** *Meaning:* **not**

Challenge Words

nonchalant—coolly unconcerned

nonconformist—one who doesn't follow accepted practices

nonsense—foolish behavior

8.

Prefix: **omni-** *Meaning:* **all**

Challenge Words

omnipotent—all-powerful

omniscient—knowing everything

omnivorous—eating both vegetables and meat

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Set 4: Check Up

Gauging progress…

Read each sentence below. If the sentence is true, put a **T** on the blank. If the sentence is false, put an **F** on the line.
You may see prefixes included from toolkits for other levels.

1. _____ If someone offers you something you don't want, you can give a counterproposal.

2. _____ Being on the high school basketball team is not an extracurricular activity.

3. _____ A vegetarian is an omnivore.

4. _____ An introvert tends to reflect on his feelings and thoughts.

5. _____ A nonconformist always tries to fit in by doing what everyone else is doing.

6. _____ A hypodermic injection can be given.

7. _____ Drawing a line from the top right-hand side of a paper to the lower left corner will produce a diagonal line.

8. _____ Sometimes doctors prescribe a medication to counteract the effects of another drug.

9. _____ A circle has a diameter that cannot be measured.

10. _____ A nonchalant person may appear as if he doesn't care about anything.

11. _____ A steady diet of spicy food never causes dyspepsia.

12. _____ Queen Elizabeth II is the British monarch.

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