

TEACHER INFORMATION

A **prefix** is one or more letters added to the beginning of a base word to change its meaning; e.g. **dis**like, **un**happy, **re**play, **ir**responsible, **mis**understood, **im**proper, **dis**appear, **pre**heat, **il**legal.

Answers

1. Answers could include:

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|----------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| (a) uncommon | (b) dis/re/uncover | (c) un/misheard |
| (d) un/dislike | (e) undecided | (f) disagree |
| (g) unfair | (h) re/display | (i) return |
| (j) unhappy | | |

2. (a) tricycle – three-wheeled cycle
(b) tricolour – having three colours
(c) triangle – three-sided shape
(d) trilogy – series of three related literary works
(e) triplet – set of three (children, notes, lines of verse)
(f) triplane – a plane with three supporting wings, one above the other
(g) tripod – three-legged or three-footed stand, support, seat
(h) trisect – to divide into three parts that are usually equal

3. (a) inaccurate (b) incorrect (c) informal
(d) invisible (e) incomplete (f) inconvenient
(g) inconsistent (h) inappropriate

4. Sentences will vary.

5. (a) immobile (b) imperfect (c) irregular
(d) impatient (e) irremovable (f) irrational
(g) improper (h) impractical (i) impersonal
(j) irrelevant (k) impure (l) irregardless

6. Answers will vary.

Prefixes

A *prefix* is used at the beginning of a base word to change its meaning.

1. Add a prefix to each of these words.

- (a) ____common (b) ____cover (c) ____heard (d) ____like (e) ____decided
(f) ____agree (g) ____fair (h) ____play (i) ____turn (j) ____happy

The prefix *tri-* means 'three' or 'triple'.

2. What does each word mean?

- (a) tricycle _____ (b) tricolour _____
(c) triangle _____ (d) trilogy _____
(e) triplet _____ (f) triplane _____
(g) tripod _____ (h) trisect _____

The prefix *in-* means 'not' or 'in'.

3. Use the prefix *in* to write the opposite of each word.

- (a) ____accurate (b) ____correct (c) ____formal (d) ____visible
(e) ____complete (f) ____convenient (g) ____consistent (h) ____appropriate

4. Write a sentence to show the meaning of each word.

- (a) **inside** _____
(b) **install** _____
(c) **input** _____
(d) **invest** _____
(e) **incoming** _____

The prefixes *im-* and *ir-* mean 'not'.

5. Write the correct prefix for each word.

- (a) ____mobile (b) ____perfect (c) ____regular (d) ____patient
(e) ____removable (f) ____rational (g) ____proper (h) ____practical
(i) ____personal (j) ____relevant (k) ____pure (l) ____regardless

6. Finish each sentence.

- (a) It's always possible to _____ but _____ possible to _____.
(b) It is mature to _____ but _____ mature to _____.
(c) I am patient when _____ but _____ patient when _____.
(d) It is responsible to _____ but _____ responsible to _____.

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