Y4 Spelling Prefixes Suffixes

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1. Worked example

Build a word: in + mature

Step 1 · What letter does the root start with?

m

Step 2 · Before m or p, in- becomes im-

im + mature

Answer: immature

Check: Two m's: one from the prefix, one from the root.

2. Now try one with the steps

Build a word: re + appear + ed

Step 1 · Add the prefix. Prefixes never change the root's spelling

Step 2 · Add the suffix -ed

Answer:

3. Practice

Have a go at each one. There is space underneath to work it out.

1. Add the right form of in- to: correct

2. Add the right form of in- to: legible

3. Add the right form of in- to: polite

4. Add the right form of in- to: relevant

5. What does the prefix anti- mean?

6. What does the prefix auto- mean?

7. Add -ly: happy

8. Add -ly: basic

9. Split into prefix, root and suffix: unkindness

10. Build the word: dis + obey + ed

11. Build the word: in + visible + ly

12. Correct the spelling: 'dissapointed'

13. Correct the spelling: 'unecessary'

14. Use the prefix to explain what a 'superstore' is.

4. Before you hand it in

dissappear
dis + appear = disappear. Split the word to see how many letters each part brings.

inregular, inlegal
irregular, illegal, immature, impossible

happyly, angryly

happily, angrily

Dropping a letter where prefix and root meet: 'unatural', 'mispell'.

unnatural, misspell