

Y5 Verb Prefixes

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1. Worked example

Add a prefix to 'behave' to mean 'behave badly'

Step 1 · Which prefix means 'wrongly or badly'?

mis-

Step 2 · Add it without changing the root

mis + behave

Answer: misbehave

Check: Prefixes never change the spelling of the root word.

2. Now try one with the steps

Add mis- to 'spell'

Step 1 · mis ends in s, spell starts with s

Step 2 · Keep every letter

Answer:

3. Practice

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

1. Add re- to make a verb meaning 'build again'.

2. Add dis- to make the opposite of 'obey'.

3. Add mis- to make a verb meaning 'put in the wrong place'.

4. Add over- to make a verb meaning 'eat too much'.

5. Add de- to make a verb meaning 'remove the frost'.

6. Which prefix means 'again'?

7. Which prefix means 'wrongly'?

8. Add a prefix: 'Please ___connect the charger.' (the opposite of connect)

9. Add mis- to 'spell'.

10. Add a prefix to 'code' to mean 'work out a secret message'.

11. Add a prefix to 'react' to mean 'react too strongly'.

12. Correct the spelling: 'Don't dissobey the rules.'

13. Write a sentence using the verb 'mislead'.

14. Explain how the prefix changes the meaning in 'appear', 'disappear' and 'reappear'.

4. Before you hand it in

misspell, dissatisfied

Keep every letter: misspell, dissatisfied.

disappear, disobey

dis + appear = disappear; dis + obey = disobey.

'unagree', 'unobey'

disagree, disobey. Check the word sounds right and is in a dictionary.

Mixing up dis- and de-: 'disconnect'

Learn them words: disconnect, defrost, decode.