

Application and Reasoning

Step 1: What is a Prefix?

National Curriculum Objectives:

English Year 3: (3G6.2) [Formation of nouns using a range of prefixes \[for example super-, anti-, auto-\]](#)

Spelling: Spell more prefixes

Terminology for pupils:

- (3G6.2) [prefix](#)

Differentiation:

Questions 1, 4 and 7 (Application)

Developing Use the given words to create two sentences. Words are primarily taken from the KS1 spelling objectives.

Expected Use the given words to create two sentences. Words are primarily taken from the Year 3 and 4 statutory spellings.

Greater Depth Use the given words to create two sentences. Words are primarily taken from the Year 3 and 4 statutory spellings but may include more complicated words and vocabulary.

Questions 2, 5 and 8 (Reasoning)

Developing Provide an explanation to a given statement about words including the prefix 'un'. Words are primarily taken from the KS1 spelling objectives.

Expected Provide an explanation to a given statement about words including the prefix 'un'. Words are primarily taken from the Year 3 and 4 statutory spellings.

Greater Depth Provide an explanation to a given statement about words including the prefix 'un'. Words are primarily taken from the Year 3 and 4 statutory spellings but may include more complicated words and vocabulary.

Questions 3, 6 and 9 (Reasoning)

Developing Agree or disagree with a given statement about the prefix 'un'. Words are primarily taken from the KS1 spelling objectives.

Expected Agree or disagree with a given statement about the prefix 'un'. Words are primarily taken from the Year 3 and 4 statutory spellings.

Greater Depth Agree or disagree with a given statement about the prefix 'un'. Words are primarily taken from the Year 3 and 4 statutory spellings but may include more complicated words and vocabulary.

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What is a Prefix?

1a. Look at the words below.

fair

unfair

Use each word to write two sentences.



A

What is a Prefix?

1b. Look at the words below.

well

unwell

Use each word to write two sentences.



A

2a. True or false?



The word 'unlock' can be used in a sentence with the word 'door' in it.

Convince me.



R

2b. True or false?



The word 'unpack' cannot be used to describe the items in a box.

Convince me.



R

3a. The sentence below can be completed with both of these words and the prefix 'un'.

load

fold

Jake was told to _____ the jumpers from the box.

Do you agree?
Explain your answer.



R

3b. The sentence below can be completed with both of these words and the prefix 'un'.

tucked

hoped

He _____ his shirt from his trousers because it was itchy.

Do you agree?
Explain your answer.



R

What is a Prefix?

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4a. Look at the words below.

equal

unequal

Use each word to write two sentences.



A

4b. Look at the words below.

usual

unusual

Use each word to write two sentences.



A

5a. True or false?



The word 'unloved' cannot be used to describe something good.

Convince me.



R

5b. True or false?



The word 'unlimited' can be used in a sentence when talking about food.

Convince me.



R

6a. The sentence below can be completed with both of these words and the prefix 'un'.

wound

tied

Helen _____ the ball of string with great care.

Do you agree?
Explain your answer.



R

6b. The sentence below can be completed with both of these words and the prefix 'un'.

cleared

covered

Nate _____ the treasure from the sand.

Do you agree?
Explain your answer.



R

What is a Prefix?

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7a. Look at the words below.

proven

unproven

Use each word to write two sentences.



A

7b. Look at the words below.

install

uninstall

Use each word to write two sentences.



A

8a. True or false?



The word 'unplanned' cannot be used to describe someone who is organised.

Convince me.



R

8b. True or false?



The word 'untwisted' can be used instead of the word 'unravelled' in a sentence.

Convince me.



R

9a. The sentence below can be completed with both of these words and the prefix 'un'.

selfish

helpful

Damien was always _____ at school.

Do you agree?
Explain your answer.



R

9b. The sentence below can be completed with both of these words and the prefix 'un'.

beatable

finished

The warrior had claimed many victims and was said to be _____.

Do you agree?
Explain your answer.



R

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1a. Various answers, for example: We made sure that it was a fair test. It was an unfair decision.

2a. Various answers, for example: True – I didn't have the key to unlock the door.

3a. Agree. Adding the prefix 'un' will change the words into 'unload' and 'unfold'. You can unload and unfold jumpers.

Expected

4a. Various answers, for example: Troy and his brother were equal in size. My sister gave us an unequal amount of chocolate.

5a. Various answers, for example: False – He was never unloved as a child.

6a. Agree. Adding the prefix 'un' will change the words into 'unwound' and 'untied'. String can be unwound or untied.

Greater Depth

7a. Various answers, for example: It was proven that the crime was committed by her. The cause of the accident is still unproven.

8a. Various answers, for example: False – He was always organised and didn't like unplanned decisions.

9a. Agree. Adding the prefix 'un' will change the words into 'unselfish' and 'unhelpful'. A person can be unselfish or unhelpful.

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1b. Various answers, for example: Sophie didn't feel too well last night. Jan was unwell and went home.

2b. Various answers, for example: False – He wanted to unpack the toys from the box.

3b. Disagree. Adding the prefix 'un' will change the words into 'untucked' and 'unhoped'. A shirt can be untucked but unhoped is not a word.

Expected

4b. Various answers, for example: Tom arrived home at the usual time. She gave him an unusual look once she found out his secret.

5b. Various answers, for example: True – He was given a voucher for an unlimited buffet!

6b. Disagree. Adding the prefix 'un' will change the words into 'uncleared' and 'uncovered'. Treasure can be uncovered but cannot be uncleared.

Greater Depth

7b. Various answers, for example: Eli couldn't wait to get home and install the game on his console. He hated the game and wanted to uninstall it immediately.

8b. Various answers, for example: True – Sandra untwisted/unravelled the rope from the bag.

9b. Disagree. Adding the prefix 'un' will change the words into 'unbeatable' and 'unfinished'. A warrior can be unbeatable but unfinished does not make sense in the sentence.