

This week, we are going to look at adding the prefix dis- to create negative meanings.

Can you remember
what a prefix is?



A **prefix** is a letter or group of letters added at the beginning of a root word that creates a new word with a different meaning.

We are going to concentrate on adding the prefix...

dis-

Working with a partner, write down as many dis- prefix words as you can think of in the next five minutes.

What sort of words do we usually add **dis-** to?



How does adding **dis-** affect the meaning of a root word?



Start

How many words did you think of?

The **dis-** prefix is usually added to verb root words to give a negative meaning.



'Dis-' means opposite or not.

You are now going to be prefix detectives. Has the correct negative prefix been used at the beginning of these root words?

disallow

dis- is the correct prefix here.



Could you use 'disallow' in a complex sentence?

You are now going to be prefix detectives. Has the correct negative prefix been used at the beginning of these root words?

displeasant



dis- isn't the correct prefix here.



Which prefix should have been used?

unpleasant

You are now going to be prefix detectives. Has the correct negative prefix been used at the beginning of these root words?

disobey

dis- is the correct prefix here.



Could you use 'disobey' in a complex sentence?

You are now going to be prefix detectives. Has the correct negative prefix been used at the beginning of these root words?

disbehave



dis- isn't the correct prefix here.



Which prefix should have been used?

misbehave

You are now going to be prefix detectives. Has the correct negative prefix been used at the beginning of these root words?

disapprove

dis- is the correct prefix here.



Could you use 'disapprove' in a complex sentence?

You are now going to be prefix detectives. Has the correct negative prefix been used at the beginning of these root words?

disresponsible



dis- isn't the correct prefix here.



Which prefix should have been used?

irresponsible

Here are your spelling words for this week.

Week 5
Creating negative
meaning using
prefix **dis-**

dislike
disobey
discolour
discover
disappear
dishonest
disallow
disbelieve
disapprove
discontinue

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Remember, they all
contain the prefix **dis-**
to give them an
opposite meaning.

