

Reading Long Words

Prefix Meaning Detective

A prefix changes what a word means: un|hap|py is not happy, re|read is read again, pre|heat is heat before. Find the prefix, read the base word, and put the meaning together.

un hap py

un + happy: un- means not. Unhappy means not happy.



IN THIS FREE SAMPLE

- Lesson 1: un- and re-
- Warm-up, model and words to read together
- A prefix sort and a split-the-parts task
- An original story with reading strips
- Answers for every activity
- For grades 3–6

1 Find the prefix

2 Read the base word

3 Put the meaning together

4 Check it in the sentence

Digital download • Print at 100% on US Letter • About 15 minutes a session • Supplemental practice, not a diagnosis or a full program

How this book works

Three lessons, four short sessions each.

This book is for a learner who reads one-syllable and two-syllable words but stalls on words with a prefix, or reads them without noticing how the prefix changes the meaning. A prefix is a word part at the front: un-, re-, dis-, pre-, mis-. Find it, read the base word, then put the meaning together.

Lesson 1 has un- (not, or undo) and re- (again, or back). Lesson 2 has more ways to say not: dis-, in-, im- and non-. Lesson 3 has pre- (before), mis- (wrongly) and over- (too much, or past). Each lesson also checks look-alikes: words like uncle and reading only look as if they start with a prefix.

EACH LESSON: FOUR PAGES

Learn	A warm-up, the routine, a model word (I do) and words to read together (We do).
Practice	Activities with help, and sentences to read aloud.
On your own	New words the learner has not seen in this book. The partner only marks.
Read it for real	An original story, questions, and words to spell.

MARKING

Right · Fixed it (the learner corrected themselves: count it as right) · Needed help. Note what went wrong, not just that it did.

NOT A TEST OR A DIAGNOSIS

Supplemental practice. It does not screen for or diagnose dyslexia or any reading difficulty, and it is not a full reading program. Progress depends on the learner, the time spent and the teaching around it.

PRONUNCIATION

Some prefixes change their sound a little in fast speech (re- in reread and in rewind). Accept natural speech; the meaning stays the same.

un- and re-

unhappy, reread, unbutton, rewrite: find the prefix, read the base word, put the meaning together.

Before you start: reads two-syllable words like happy, button and cover.

WARM-UP

Three base words: the prefixes will go in front of them. Mark right, fixed it or needed help.

happy



read



button



THE ROUTINE

1. Find the prefix
2. Read the base word
3. Put the meaning together
4. Check it in the sentence

I DO · THE ADULT READS ALOUD

un hap py

Find the prefix: un-. It means not. Read the base word: happy. Put the meaning together: unhappy means not happy. Chunks: un|hap|py.

WE DO · READ TOGETHER AND DRAW A SCOOP UNDER EACH CHUNK

reread

unbutton

rewrite

unable

ADULT: WATCH FOR

Reading the word without the prefix ("happy" for unhappy), or reading the prefix but not the meaning. Ask: "What does the prefix add? Not happy? Happy again?"

Practice: un- and re-

Work with your partner. Help is fine here.

A Read each word. Write it under its prefix.

uncover

unwell

unlucky

unseen

reuse

rewind

reopen

replant

un- (not, undo)

re- (again, back)

B Split each word: write the prefix + the base word. Then say what it means.

unequal

untrue

recheck

rejoin

C Read each sentence aloud. Your partner marks the circle when every long word is right.

1. I was unable to reread the whole book.



2. Unbutton your coat, then rewrite your name on the tag.



On your own: un- and re-

New words first, then words at work. Use the routine; your partner only marks.

A Read each word aloud. Your partner marks how it went.

		right	fixed it	needed help
1	unfold	☐	☐	☐
2	unplug	☐	☐	☐
3	unsure	☐	☐	☐
4	unripe	☐	☐	☐
5	repack	☐	☐	☐
6	reprint	☐	☐	☐
7	resend	☐	☐	☐

Words right (fixed it counts as right): _____ / 7

B Read the word. Circle the meaning that fits.

unsure

not sure

sure again

reprint

not print

print again

unripe

not ripe yet

ripe again

Read it for real

Read the story aloud. Answer the questions. Spell two words.

The Unlucky Garden

Grandma's garden was unlucky this year. A storm knocked over her seed trays, and the little plants were unseen under the mud. "We can replant," said Grandma. We had to reuse the old trays, so we washed them and set them in the sun. Then we had to rewind the long hose, which was all tangled. By the end of the day, every plant was back in the soil, and Grandma was not unhappy at all.

READING STRIPS · READ EACH LINE THREE TIMES; TICK A BOX EACH TIME

a storm knocked over | her seed trays

☐☐☐

we can replant | and reuse the old trays

☐☐☐

not unhappy | at all

☐☐☐

1. Why was the garden unlucky?

2. What did they do with the old trays?

Spell it: your partner says a word. You say its chunks or parts, then write it.

1. _____

2. _____

PARTNER: TICK EACH LONG WORD READ CORRECTLY

☐ unlucky☐ unseen☐ replant☐ reuse☐ rewind☐ unhappy

Lesson 1 answers

un- and re-

Warm-up	happy, read, button
I do	unhappy (un hap py)
We do	reread (re read), unbutton (un but ton), rewrite (re write), unable (un a ble)
Sentences	"I was unable to reread the whole book." "Unbutton your coat, then rewrite your name on the tag."
Watch for	Reading the word without the prefix ("happy" for unhappy), or reading the prefix but not the meaning. Ask: "What does the prefix add? Not happy? Happy again?"
Practice A	un- (not, undo): uncover, unwell, unlucky, unseen · re- (again, back): reuse, rewind, reopen, replant
Practice B	unequal: un + equal; untrue: un + true; recheck: re + check; rejoin: re + join
On your own A	unfold (un fold); unplug (un plug); unsure (un sure); unripe (un ripe); repack (re pack); reprint (re print); resend (re send).
On your own B	unsure: not sure; reprint: print again; unripe: not ripe yet
Story	1. A storm knocked over the seed trays. 2. They washed them and used them again (reuse).
Dictation	unhappy (un + happy), reread (re + read)

THE FULL BOOK

The full Prefix Meaning Detective has two more lessons (dis-, in-, im- and non-; then pre-, mis- and over-), look-alike checks, a quick check, a final check with ten new words, word cards, a progress record and notes on what each prefix means.