

# Creating Negative Meanings Using Prefix dis-



This week, we are going to look at adding a particular prefix to lots of different root words.

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.

Yellow and green spellings

## 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.



## Red spellings

read	copy	copy	Test yourself	😊 or 😞?
he				😊 😞
me				😊 😞
be				😊 😞
we				😊 😞
she				😊 😞
he				😊 😞