

A **prefix** is letters **added** to the **beginning** of a **word**.

▶ To **decode a word** with a **prefix**, separate the prefix from the **word**.

Prefix	Prefix + word	Example Sentence
un	unkind	It is <b>unkind</b> to tease someone.
un	unsafe	The wet slide is <b>unsafe</b> for children to play on.
un	unreal	The items in the haunted house were <b>unreal</b> .

**Not** a word with a prefix:

under



Which is a word with a prefix? Explain.

**A** uncle

**B** unable

How is 'unclean' decoded? Explain.

**A** unc-lean

**B** un-clean

- 1 Read the prefix.
- 2 Separate the prefix from the word. (draw line)
- 3 Decode the word. (read)
- 4 Read the sentence.

	Prefix	Prefix + word	Example Sentence
1	re	<b>refill</b>	I need to <b>refill</b> my glass with water.
2	re	<b>remake</b>	Tianna will <b>remake</b> her drawing.
3	re	<b>rewrite</b>	Jimmy will <b>rewrite</b> his report.
4	un	<b>unable</b>	Lucy was <b>unable</b> to find the keys.
5	un	<b>unclear</b>	Peter is <b>unclear</b> on how to do his homework.
6	un	<b>unripe</b>	The fruit is <b>unripe</b> and very sour.

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7	under	<b>underarm</b>	My <b>underarm</b> is itching.
8	under	<b>understand</b>	All the students <b>understand</b> the classroom rules.
9	under	<b>undersea</b>	There are many animals living <b>undersea</b> .
10	over	<b>overcast</b>	The day was <b>overcast</b> and cloudy.
11	over	<b>overnight</b>	James left his shoes outside <b>overnight</b> .
12	over	<b>overcame</b>	The character <b>overcame</b> many troubles.

## Skill Closure

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	Prefix	Prefix + word	Example Sentence
1	re	<b>restart</b>	Can you <b>restart</b> the computer?
2	un	<b>untie</b>	Carly bent over to <b>untie</b> her shoes.

## Concept Closure



## Writing

**Read the scenario. Answer the question.**

Joe thinks that the word **real** uses the prefix re-.  
Is Joe correct or incorrect? Explain.

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## Summary Closure

**What did you learn today about decoding words with prefixes?**

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## Word Bank

decode  
prefix  
beginning

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1	under	<b>underweight</b>	The stray cat is <b>underweight</b> .
2	over	<b>overload</b>	We cannot <b>overload</b> the box with fruit.
3	re	<b>redo</b>	The cake batter was lumpy so I had to <b>redo</b> it.
4	re	<b>rewrite</b>	My teacher told me to <b>rewrite</b> my report.
5	un	<b>unlock</b>	Did you <b>unlock</b> the front door?
6	under	<b>undershirt</b>	I have a green <b>undershirt</b> on.
7	over	<b>overdress</b>	Do not <b>overdress</b> for picture day.
8	un	<b>unknown</b>	We are learning about <b>unknown</b> words.
9	under	<b>underline</b>	We <b>underline</b> vocabulary words.



## Listening

Identify which word in the sentence has a prefix.

Write the prefix to the word. Decode the word with prefix.

- A  story  ground  city
- B  afraid  ride  rollercoaster
- C  have  read  question
- D  pounds  hamster  weight

Look at the sentence.

Identify the word with the prefix. (underline)

Read the sentence.

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| 1 | The pizza in the freezer is uncooked.    |
| 2 | Virgil needs to retake his science test. |
| 3 | The library books are overdue.           |
| 4 | Make sure you wear a warm undershirt.    |



## Reading

**Read** the words with prefixes.  
Then, read the passage.

overdress	redo	underhand
underline	overlearn	underway
unfair	reboot	unmet
overbuild	retell	undo

Our teacher told us that we had to **retell** the story. My story was about tiny people who live happily in an **underground** city. One day they are **overtaken** by a mean giant. The tiny people **overfeed** the giant, and he falls asleep. The tiny people tie him up. When he wakes up, the giant cannot **untie** himself. The giant promises to **return** to the city **undersea** if they let him go. The tiny people did, and they are happy again.

**Writing**

Write two words for each prefix.  
Refer to the word bank.

un-		
re-		
under-		
over-		

**Word Bank**

write

do

weight

safe

eat

clear

stand

night

**Reading**

Read the words with prefixes.

unsafe	redo	overweight
underweight	overbuild	unclear
restart	overland	unmet
undersea	retell	understand

**Prefixes**

un-

re-

under-

over-