

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 unkind to tease someone. |
| un | unsafe | The wet slide is unsafe for children to play on. |
| un | unreal | The items in the haunted house were unreal . |

Not a word with a prefix:

under

- 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 | refill | I need to refill my glass with water. |
| 2 | re | remake | Tianna will remake her drawing. |
| 3 | re | rewrite | Jimmy will rewrite his report. |
| 4 | un | unable | Lucy was unable to find the keys. |
| 5 | un | unclear | Peter is unclear on how to do his homework. |
| 6 | un | unripe | The fruit is unripe and very sour. |

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

Skill Closure

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| | Prefix | Prefix + word | Example Sentence |
|---|--------|----------------|--|
| 1 | re | restart | Can you restart the computer? |
| 2 | un | untie | Carly bent over to untie her shoes. |

Concept Closure

Read the scenario. Answer the question.

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

Summary Closure

What did you learn today about decoding words with prefixes?

Word Bank

decode
prefix
beginning

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



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

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| 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.

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|--------|--|--|
| un- | | |
| re- | | |
| under- | | |
| over- | | |

Word Bank

write

do

weight

safe

eat

clear

stand

night

Read the words with prefixes.

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

Prefixes

un-

re-

under-

over-