

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

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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	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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	Prefix	Prefix + word	Example Sentence
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

 Writing

Read the text. 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 talk 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-