

Prefixes un and dis

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.

The **mis-** prefix gives these root words a negative meaning.

‘Mis-’ means wrong.

The **dis-** prefix is usually added to verb root words to give a negative meaning. **‘Dis-’** means opposite or not.

Task: Find the appropriate challenge for you. Draw out the table in your book and write the word with the prefix. There is then a challenge for you to add your own words and to write them in sentences.



Put these root words in the correct columns. There might be more than one column they could fit into.

able	zip	well
behave	own	appear
happy	take	place

un-	mis-	dis-



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able	hearten	behave	trained	own	appear
happy	inform	fortune	zip	well	like
count	infect	take	do	lucky	honest

un-	mis-	dis-

Challenge:

1. Add your own words to the columns.
2. Write at least 5 sentences using the prefixes. For example:
 - There was an **unfortunate mistake** when the man was **dishonest**.