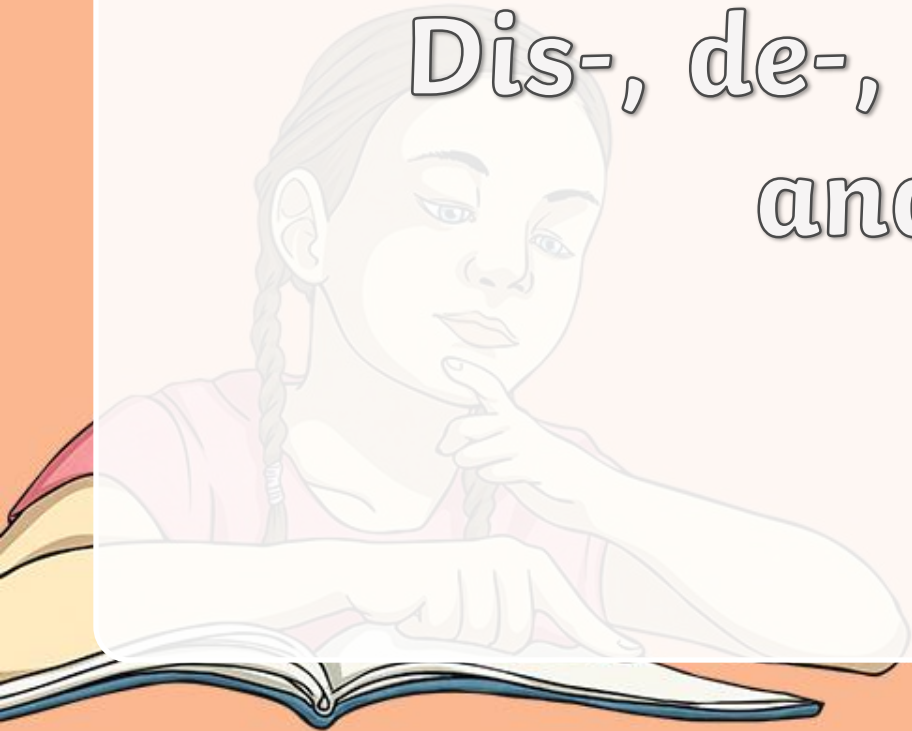


Year 5 Spelling and Grammar

Modifying verbs using
the prefixes

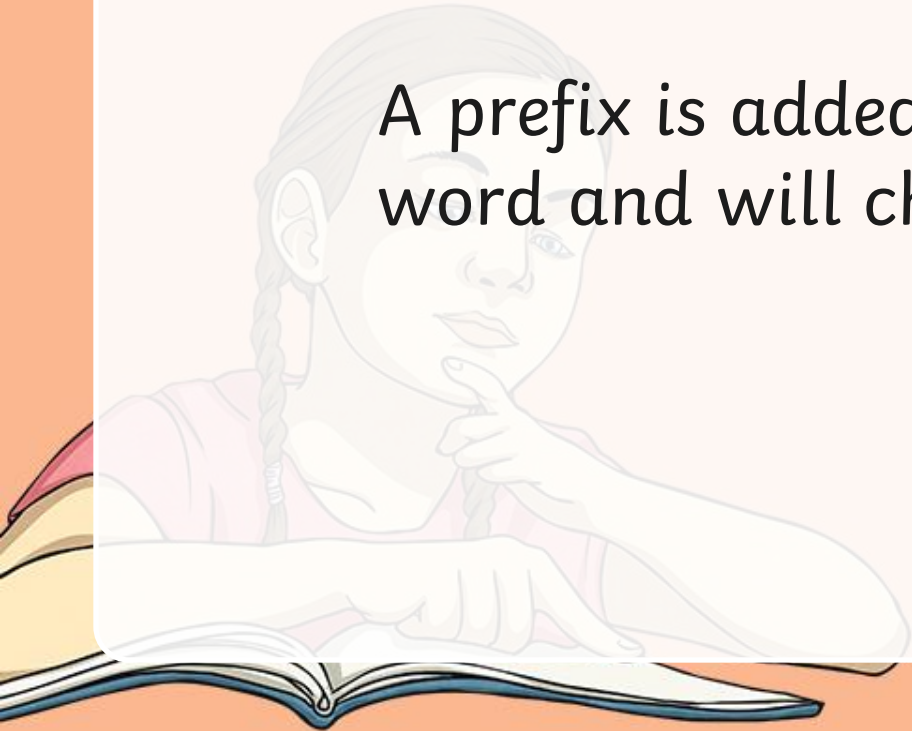
Dis-, de-, mis-, over-
and re-



What is a prefix?

If a suffix is added after the root word, what might a prefix mean?

A prefix is added before the root word and will change its meaning.



The Prefix **de-**

Prefixes change the meaning of the root word.

How does this prefix change the meaning of these root words?

deactivate

defuse

decode



The prefix **de-** means to 'take away' or 'reduce'

E.g: I had to **decode** the secret message before I could find the treasure.



The Prefix **dis-**

Prefixes change the meaning of the root word.

How does this prefix change the meaning of these root words?

disconnect

disappoint

discourage



The prefix **dis-** means 'not' or 'the opposite of'

E.g: I tried to **discourage** my friend from playing a practical joke.



The Prefix **mis-**

Prefixes change the meaning of the root word.

How does this prefix change the meaning of these root words?

mistreat

misread

misplace



The prefix **mis-** means 'wrong' or 'false'

E.g: My nan will often **misplace** her reading glasses that she needs when using the laptop.



The Prefix **over-**

Prefixes change the meaning of the root word.

How does this prefix change the meaning of these root words?

over take

over sleep

over act



The prefix over- means 'too much'

E.g: I **overslept** this morning, meaning I was late for school.



The Prefix **re-**

Prefixes change the meaning of the root word.

How does this prefix change the meaning of these root words?

redo

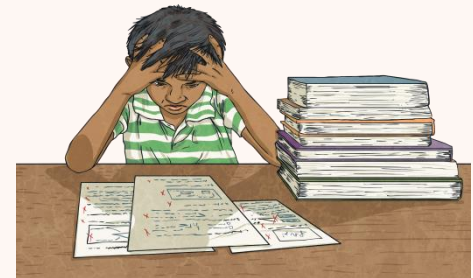
reread

return



the prefix re- means to 'do again'

e.g: It is important to **reread** your work to check it for errors.



Spin the Wheel Please

Spin the wheel to choose a root word, decide on the correct prefix needed to modify the verb?



Spin

On your whiteboard, write your new verb. Then use it in a sentence to show that you understand its meaning.

Can some words have more than one verb prefix added to them?

Which prefix will you choose?



Which Prefix?

Can you sort these root words according to the prefix they could be given?
There are some that can be given two of the prefixes – can you find them?

de-	dis-	mis-	over-	re-
deactivate	disconnect	misbehave	overtake	restructure
devalue	disallow	misinform	overwork	rebuild
		misaid		reconnect
		mistake		rework
activate	behave	structure	connect	work
inform	value	build	allow	take

How do the different prefixes alter the meaning of these words?

Click on the words to match with the prefixes then click here to reveal answers

Have I Made a Mistake?

Read the following text and identify the verbs with the wrong verb prefixes.

Can you decide which prefix they should have?

I had been really looking forward to our camping trip but before we even left home, things started to go wrong. Firstly we **overslept** on the morning of our departure. Then, on the way there our car was going so slowly that everyone was **overtaking** us. We realised that one of our tyres had **deflated** so we had to stop to change it.

Finally, we arrived at our campsite where we pitched our tent quickly because we were all so hungry. We managed to **overcook** our sausages on the campfire: they were almost black! So, we had to **recook** some more.

After an eventful day, we decided to get some sleep and hope for a better day tomorrow. Unfortunately, our tent collapsed in the middle of the night so we had to **rebuild** it in the dark. Therefore, we decided to **return** home this morning and camp in our lounge instead!

Click on the words to reveal answers

In your book:

Read the following sentences, decide which prefix is needed to change the underlined root word and then write it in your book:

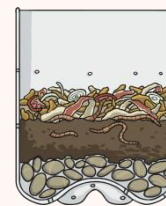
1. I often **misspell** complicated words so I get low marks on my spelling tests.



2. We always **recycle** our waste to save the environment.



3. The compost will **decompose** quickly with all those worms in it.



4. Don't **overflow** the jug or it might spill.



Once you've finished, click on the words to reveal answers

Now to make your own sentences

Make the following root words into verbs by matching with one of the verb prefixes: dis-, de-, mis-, over- or re-. Write a sentence using the word – try to remember adjectives and adverbs too.

dis-

play

form

de-

flute

manage

mis-

embark

estimate

over-

engage

react

re-

treat

inform

Once you have finished, click on the words to reveal answers. Remember to correct any mistakes.



