

INspired Words

Google slides for teaching multi-syllable words with the prefix in-
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What are Prefixes?

- Prefixes are small parts (or chunks) added before main words or word parts.
- Adding prefixes often changes word meaning and usage.
- Learning prefixes will help you read and spell longer words.
- Learning prefixes will help you recognize longer words you may have heard or already know!

Most Common Prefixes

There are many prefixes in the English language. The eight slide sets focus on the most common prefixes one at a time:

in-

un-

mis-

dis-

re-

de-

pre-

en-

Prefix in- (im-, il-, ir-)

- In- (and its other forms) means “in or into, no or not”
- In- is added most frequently to main words or parts
- Im- is used only before b, m, p (import); il- only before l (illegal); and ir- only before r (irregular)
- Adding in-, im-, il-, and ir- forms nouns, verbs, and adjectives.
- There are no main word or part spelling changes.

Familiar in- (meaning “in or into”) Words

in+cline	to bend forward or lean in (or the slope)
in+clude	to take in or make a part of
in+come	earned money coming in
in+crease	to become greater or larger in size (or the amount)
in+dent	to move to the right (or the space on the page)

Familiar in- (meaning “in or into”) Words

in+fect	to enter someone or something (like a germ or virus)
in+fer	to form an opinion based on facts
in+flate	to swell or increase in size
in+ject	to force fluid into someone or something
in+put	to add or put in (or the information added)

Familiar in- (meaning “in or into”) Words

in+sect	a bug with a head, body, 6 legs, and 1-2 wings
in+sert	to put or push into
in+side	a part in a body or place
in+sist	to ask firmly about something
in+spect	to look at or into closely

Familiar in- (meaning “in or into”) Words

Where do you chunk them?

inspire	to bring on or make happen
install	to set up for use
instruct	to teach or give knowledge
insult	to say something rude (or what is said)
intense	having deep or strong feeling

Familiar in- (meaning “in or into”) Words

Where do you chunk them?

intent	a clear plan or action
intrude	to join in without being invited
invent	to make or create something new
invert	to turn inside out or upside down
invite	to ask someone to attend (or what is said or sent)

Academic in- (meaning “not”) Words

in+accurate	not accurate or true
in+active	not active or in use
in+adequate	not enough or good enough
in+attentive	not paying enough attention
in+capable	not capable, fit, or able to do

Academic in- (meaning “no or not”) Words

in+complete	not complete or finished
in+considerate	not considerate or kind to others
in+consistent	not consistent, same, or similar
in+curable	not curable or likely to change
in+decision	a back and forth decision or choice

Academic in- (meaning “no or not”) Words

in+dependent	not dependent, relies on self
in+different	not good or bad, right or wrong
in+direct	not direct or to the point
in+effective	not effective or as expected
in+exact	not exact, correct, or true

Academic in- (meaning “no or not”) Words

in+finite	not having an end
in+justice	an act with no justice or fairness
in+nocence	a state with no guilt or sin
in+sensible	not sensible or able to feel
in+sensitive	not sensitive or thoughtful

Academic in- (meaning “no or not”) Words

in+solent	bold, sassy, or with no respect
in+sufficient	not enough of an amount
in+trepid	not fearful, brave and courageous
in+valid	not valid or based on fact or law
in+voluntary	not voluntary or by choice

Academic im- (meaning “no or not”) Words

im+balance	a state of little to no balance
im+mature	not mature, grown, or adult-like
im+mediate	happening here and now
im+mobile	not mobile or moving, fixed in place
im+mortal	not mortal and will not die

Academic im- (meaning “no or not”) Words

im+mune	protected from infection or disease
im+pair	to weaken or make worse
im+partial	not partial, treats all equally
im+passable	not able to pass or travel around
im+perfect	not perfect or complete

Academic im- (meaning “no or not”) Words

im+personal	not personal or human
im+possible	not possible or doable
im+proper	not proper, correct, or normal
im+pulse	a sudden want, desire, or force
im+pure	not pure or clean

Academic im- (meaning “in or into”) Words

im+merge	to immerse or plunge into something
im+mense	huge or large in amount
im+migrant	a person who comes to a country planning to live there
im+migrate	to travel to another country with a plan to live there
im+part	to give or grant knowledge

Academic im- (meaning “in or into”) Words

im+peach	to charge with a crime
im+plant	to fix or set in deeply
im+plore	to ask or beg for
im+port	to carry or bring in
im+pose	to force or place into

Challenging Academic il- Words

Where do you chunk them? What do they mean?

il+legal	il+literate	il+lusion
illegible	illumine	illustrate
illicit	illuminate	illustration

Challenging Academic ir- Words

Where do you chunk them? What do they mean?

ir+radiate	ir+relevant	ir+responsive
irrational	irreplaceable	irrigate
irregular	irresponsible	irritate



**Can you think of other in-/im-/il-/ir- words?
Speak up or put them in the chat box.**

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MATCHING ACTIVITY 1

incline	A to add or put in information
infect	B to enter someone or something (like a germ or virus)
input	C protected from infection
insert	D to lean forward or bend in
immune	E to put or push in

MATCHING ACTIVITY 2

include	F having deep or strong feeling
inflate	G to bring on or make happen
inspire	H to take in or make part of
intense	I to swell or increase in size
imperfect	J not perfect or complete

MATCHING ACTIVITY 3

indent	K to force fluid into someone or something
inject	L to set up for use
install	M a clear plan or action
intent	N to travel to another country with a plan to live there
immigrate	O to move to the right on a page

MATCHING ACTIVITY 4

insist	P to join in without being invited
instruct	Q to be firm about something
intrude	R to turn inside out or upside down
invert	S not possible or very difficult
impossible	T to teach or give knowledge

SENTENCE COMBINING ACTIVITY

Work with your teacher to make this text more interesting by combining some sentences with *and*, *but*, or.

Over the past year, many people across the world have been infected with COVID-19. This is a virus that gets inside your body through the nose, mouth, or eyes. Some people feel mild symptoms. Other people feel intense symptoms. In December, several vaccines were approved by the government. They were newly invented. They had input from many scientists. After two injections, you will be mostly immune. You will not catch the virus easily. In 2021, all American adults will be invited to get a vaccine. A trained person will insert a needle into your arm. It might hurt during and after. That means the vaccine is working. It is not impossible for normal to return by the summer or fall. That will be incredible!

SUGGESTED SENTENCE COMBINING

Over the past year, many people across the world have been infected with COVID-19. This is a virus that gets inside your body through the nose, mouth, or eyes. Some people feel mild symptoms but other people feel intense symptoms. In December, several vaccines were approved by the government. They were newly invented and had input from many scientists. After two injections, you will be mostly immune. You will not catch the virus easily. In 2021, all American adults will be invited to get a vaccine. A trained person will insert a needle into your arm. It might hurt during and after but that means the vaccine is working. It is not impossible for normal to return by the summer or fall and that will be incredible!