

# MISmatched Words

Google slides for teaching multi-syllable words with the prefix mis-  
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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 mis-

- mis- /mɪs/ means “bad/badly or wrong/wrongly”
- Adding mis- keeps or forms verbs (behave>misbehave) and sometimes nouns (take>mistake).
- Sometimes a mis- word can be both a verb and a noun (depending on how it's used)!
- When mis- is added to main words, there are no spelling changes.

## Familiar mis- (bad/badly or wrong/wrongly) Words

<b>mis+behave</b>	to behave or act badly
<b>mis+believe</b>	to not believe or doubt
<b>mis+call</b>	to call or name wrongly
<b>mis+count</b>	to count the wrong number
<b>mis+dial</b>	to dial the wrong number

## Familiar mis- (bad/badly or wrong/wrongly) Words

<b>mis+fire</b>	to fire wrongly or fail to fire
<b>mis+fit</b>	someone/something that fits badly
<b>mis+give</b>	to have fear or doubt
<b>mis+guide</b>	to guide or direct wrongly
<b>mis+handle</b>	to handle wrongly or roughly

## Familiar mis- (bad/badly or wrong/wrongly) Words

<b>mis+hear</b>	to hear wrongly or not understand
<b>mis+inform</b>	to tell the wrong information
<b>mis+judge</b>	to judge or decide wrongly
<b>mis+laid</b>	to put in a forgotten or wrong place
<b>mis+lead</b>	to lead or direct badly

## Familiar mis- (bad/badly or wrong/wrongly) Words

<b>mis+place</b>	to put in a wrong or forgotten place
<b>mis+quote</b>	to repeat the wrong spoken or written words
<b>mis+read</b>	to read words or text wrongly
<b>mis+shape</b>	to give or form the wrong shape
<b>mis+spell</b>	to spell words wrongly

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<b>mis+spoke</b>	to speak a word or words wrongly
<b>mis+treat</b>	to treat badly or roughly
<b>mis+trial</b>	a trial that ends because of wrong actions
<b>mis+trust</b>	to not trust or doubt
<b>mis+use</b>	to use wrongly or roughly



**Can you think of other mis- words?  
Speak up or put them in the chat box.**

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# MEANING IN CONTEXT ACTIVITY 1 (new!)

Work with your teacher or other students to figure out the mis- meanings.

<b>mis+adventure</b>	Our cross-country trip ended up being a <u>misadventure</u> filled with problems and challenges.
<b>mis+cast</b>	The actor was <u>miscast</u> in his lead role and seemed out of place in the movie.
<b>mis+chief</b>	The energetic child was full of <u>mischief</u> , which sometimes got her in trouble.

## MEANING IN CONTEXT ACTIVITY 2 (new!)

Work with your teacher or other students to figure out the mis- meanings.

<b>mis+diagnose(d)</b>	Some diseases not well-known by doctors are <u>misdiagnosed</u> until further testing is done.
<b>mis+direct(ed)</b>	When we finally stopped to ask for directions, we were <u>misdirected</u> to the wrong road.
<b>mis+fortune</b>	The COVID-19 pandemic years of 2020-2021 caused much <u>misfortune</u> across the world.

## MEANING IN CONTEXT ACTIVITY 3 (new!)

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<b>mis+hap(s)</b>	Not keeping your eyes on the road while driving can cause <u>mishaps</u> and even accidents.
<b>mis+manage(d)</b>	At first, the new business <u>mismanaged</u> online orders because there were so many.
<b>mis+understand</b>	It's often a good idea to reread directions to make sure you did not <u>misunderstand</u> .

# SENTENCE COMBINING ACTIVITY

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

Several years ago, my family took a vacation. We were up for an adventure. It became a misadventure. We miscounted the number of miles. We had to drive two extra days. We misread the trip directions. We got lost several times. We called the hotel to tell them we were arriving late. We misdialed the number. We really began to mistrust ourselves! Finally we arrived at our vacation place. They gave us two key cards. We misplaced them in our room. They gave us two more. We mislaid them while relaxing at the pool. We did not mean to make mischief! Our family vacation was full of mishaps. It got better as time went on. Much to our surprise, we made it home safely without any misfortune.

## SUGGESTED SENTENCE COMBINING

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