

PREpared Words

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

- pre- /prē/ most often (but not always) means “before or earlier”
- Some pre- words are verbs (preheat, prepay, preread) and some are nouns (prefix, preschool, precinct).
- A few pre- words are adjectives (precise, prenatal, premade).
- When pre- is added to main words, there are no spelling changes.

Familiar pre- (before or earlier) Words:

*NOTE: c followed by e, i, or y sounds like /s/

pre + cede*	to be, come, or go before
pre + cinct*	a part or section of a city or town
pre + cise*	to be very exact or careful
pre + date	to come before or earlier
pre + dict	to tell before what may happen

Familiar pre- (before or earlier) Words: Can you use them in a sentence?

pre + fer	to like better or best
pre + fix	to fix before; a part before a main word
pre + heat	to heat before cooking or baking
pre + judge	to judge before knowing the facts
pre + made	already made before use

Familiar pre- (before or earlier) Words: Can you use them in a sentence?

pre + make	to make before use
pre + mix	to mix before use
pre + pare	to make or get ready before
pre + pay	to pay a charge before
pre + plan	to make a plan before

Familiar pre- (before or earlier) Words: Can you use them in a sentence?

pre + record	to record before and watch after
pre + scribe	to give medication for illness or injury
pre + sell	to sell before or in advance
pre + sent	to give a gift or share information
pre + serve	to keep alive or safe from harm

Familiar pre- (before or earlier) Words: Can you use them in a sentence?

pre + side	to direct, guide, or control a meeting
pre + tend	to make believe
pre + test	a test given before instruction
pre + vent	to keep something from happening
pre + view	to look at or view before

Less Familiar pre- (before or earlier) Words: Can you give an example?

pre + amble	a statement or introduction to laws
pre + arrange	to set up or arrange before
pre + caution	to warn or caution before
pre + clude	to rule out before or make impossible
pre + determine	to decide or determine before

Less Familiar pre- (before or earlier) Words: Can you give an example?

pre + condition	to put something in place before
pre + dispose	to put or be in place before
pre + flight	the steps before an airplane flight
pre + natal	the time before birth
pre + package	to package before using or selling

Less Familiar pre- (before or earlier) Words: Can you give an example?

pre + program	to program or set up before use
pre + senter	a person who presents information
pre + server	something that keeps safety
pre + text	a reason to cover up the truth
pre + vail	to win through strength or power

Academic pre- (before or earlier) Words in Context: What do they mean ?

pre + cipitation	Rain, sprinkles, drizzle, sleet, snow, and even hail are examples of precipitation.
pre + dicament	When the woman lost her purse, it created a frustrating predicament for many days.
pre + diction	The weather prediction from the newspaper suggested a dry and warm holiday weekend.
pre + dominate	There have been several COVID viruses that predominate infections across the world.
pre + fabricate	Some homes are prefabricated in a factory, then shipped to and assembled on site.

Academic pre- (before or earlier) Words in Context: What do they mean ?

pre + ference	Placing an online order allows you to choose preferences such as style, color, size, and price.
pre + judicial	Too much publicity before a trial can create a prejudicial or unfair situation for the defendant.
pre + liminary	Some drugs are approved for emergency use based on preliminary research findings.
pre + meditate	Premeditated crimes are more serious because they are thought out and planned beforehand.
pre + scription	The doctor wrote a prescription after talking to and examining the patient carefully.

Academic pre- (before or earlier) Words in Context: What do they mean ?

pre + sentiment	The mystery book offered many presentiments to the reader about what might happen next.
pre + servation	There are many organizations in our country that focus on the preservation of nature or wildlife.
pre + valence	During the pandemic in Minnesota, there was a prevalence of people wearing masks.
pre + ventative	Brushing and flossing your teeth two times a day is a proven preventative against tooth decay.
pre + vention	“An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure” means good health care does pay off.

SENTENCE COMBINING ACTIVITY

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

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SUGGESTED SENTENCE COMBINING

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