

UNlocked Words

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

- un- /ʊn/ can mean “to undo or reverse” and keeps or forms verb forms
- un- /ʊn/ can also mean “not or opposite of” and keeps or forms adjective forms
- When un- is added to main words, there are no spelling changes.

Familiar un- (meaning “to undo or reverse”) Words

un + arm	to take away guns or weapons
un + bend	to undo or reverse a bend
un + bind	to undo a bind or wrap
un + chain	to undo or release a chain
un + coil	to undo or release a coil

Familiar un- (meaning “to undo or reverse”) Words

un + cover	to take away a cover or lid
un + do	to reverse what is done
un + earth	to dig up or out of the earth
un + fold	to undo a fold or crease
un + glue	to take apart or separate

Familiar un- (meaning “to undo or reverse”) Words

un + hand	to remove a hand or let go
un + hitch	to release or free from a hitch
un + lace	to undo or loosen a lace
un + lash	to undo a lash or tie
un + latch	to release or lift a latch

Familiar un- (meaning “to undo or reverse”) Words

Where do you chunk them?

unlearn	to undo what is learned
unload	to take out cargo or release feelings
unlock	to release a lock
unpack	to take out from boxes or bags
unseat	to remove from a seat or place

Familiar un- (meaning “to undo or reverse”) Words

Where do you chunk them?

unsnarl	to undo a snarl or tangle
unstick	to release from glue or tape
untie	to undo a bow or knot
unwrap	to take off an outer layer
unzip	to undo or open a zipper

Familiar un- (meaning “not or opposite of”) Words

un + able	not able to do or say something
un + asked	not asked or invited
un + aware	not aware or does not know
un + beaten	not beaten or has not lost
un + bidden	not asked or invited

Familiar un- (meaning “not or opposite of”) Words

un + certain	not certain, known, or clear
un + clean	not clean or pure; dirty
un + dying	not dying; will last forever
un + easy	not easy; difficult or scary
un + fair	not fair or just

Familiar un- (meaning “not or opposite of”) Words

un + fit	not fit or in good shape
un + friendly	not friendly or warm
un + happy	not happy or glad
un + healthy	not healthy or in good health
un + just	not just or fair

Familiar un- (meaning “not or opposite of”) Words

un + kind	not kind or caring
un + known	not known or familiar
un + lawful	not lawful or right
un + like	not like; different from
un + manly	not manly; weak



**Can you think of other un- 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 un- meanings.

undaunted	He was <u>undaunted</u> by problems or delays in life and work.
unfaithful	She was <u>unfaithful</u> because her promises were often forgotten.
unfounded	His neighbor's comments and complaints were <u>unfounded</u> .
unkempt	The child arrived at school late, upset, and <u>unkempt</u> .
unworthy	The winner felt <u>unworthy</u> of first place because it was such a close race.

MEANING IN CONTEXT ACTIVITY 2 (new!)

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

unpaid	Due to a job loss, the bills were <u>unpaid</u> for a several months.
unready	The young man was <u>unready</u> for the demands of college.
unrest	There was dangerous <u>unrest</u> at the Capitol in January.
unruly	The fans were <u>unruly</u> after their team lost the championship game.
unsafe	It is <u>unsafe</u> to drive fast on icy or snowy roads.

MEANING IN CONTEXT ACTIVITY 3 (new!)

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

unskilled	The worker was <u>unskilled</u> but willing to listen and learn.
unsound	Their roof is <u>unsound</u> and needs to be fixed or replaced.
unusual	It is <u>unusual</u> to have snow during May.
unthinkable	Violent or cruel crimes are <u>unthinkable</u> for most of us.
unwise	Quitting a job before finding another is usually <u>unwise</u> .

SENTENCE COMBINING ACTIVITY

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

Spring is the season for gardening in Minnesota. Summer is too. Many of us are eager to uncover our plants and flowers. We unpack our rakes. We unpack our shovels. We unpack our spades. We unsnarl the stalks. We unlace the leaves left behind in the fall. This unbinds new green shoots growing up unmasked from down below. Now they can unfold. Now they can unbend. They can reach towards the warm sun. Sometimes we are uncertain. We wonder: is this a plant or weed? We might be unable to tell. We wait until our garden is more unearthed. Then the unknown becomes known. Gardening season is such a wonderful and colorful time of the year!

SUGGESTED SENTENCE COMBINING (new!)

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