Prefixes

Grade 3

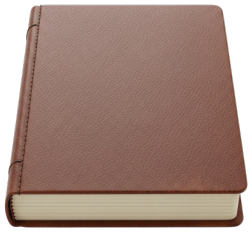
Name _____ Date _____

Remember: A **prefix** is added to the **front** of a word. The base word's spelling **doesn't change**: mis + spell = mi**ss**pell (two s's!).

Spell it in two parts: first the prefix, then the whole base word.

1. This week's words

Read each word aloud. Then cover it, write it on scrap paper and check.



unkind **unlock** **refill** **rewrite** **preheat** **preview** **dislike**
disobey **misplace** **misspell** **nonstop** **nonsense**

2. Circle the correct spelling

One word in each row is spelled correctly. Circle it.

1. (a) misspell (b) mispell (c) missspell
2. (a) dissobey (b) disobey (c) disobay
3. (a) preeheat (b) preheet (c) preheat
4. (a) nonsense (b) nonsence (c) nonesense
5. (a) unkinde (b) unkind (c) onkind
6. (a) rerite (b) rewite (c) rewrite
7. (a) misplace (b) missplace (c) misplase
8. (a) unlok (b) unlock (c) unnlock

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3. Use the words

Circle the spelling word that completes each sentence.

1. Please _____ the oven before we bake. — preheat / dislike / unlock
2. I always _____ my keys! — refill / misplace / nonstop
3. It rained _____ all weekend. — unkind / rewrite / nonstop
4. Can you _____ my water bottle? — refill / preview / disobey

4. Write it right

Write a sentence using each word.

1. dislike

2. preview

3. nonsense

Answer Key

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2. Circle the correct spelling

1. (a) **misspell** (b) mispell (c) missspell
2. (a) dissobey (b) **disobey** (c) disobay
3. (a) preeheat (b) preheet (c) **preheat**
4. (a) **nonsense** (b) nonsence (c) nonesense
5. (a) unkinde (b) **unkind** (c) onkind
6. (a) rerite (b) rewite (c) **rewrite**
7. (a) **misplace** (b) missplace (c) misplase
8. (a) unlok (b) **unlock** (c) unnlock

3. Use the words

1. Please **preheat** the oven before we bake. — preheat | dislike | unlock
2. I always **misplace** my keys! — refill | misplace | nonstop
3. It rained **nonstop** all weekend. — unkind | rewrite | nonstop
4. Can you **refill** my water bottle? — refill | preview | disobey

4. Write it right

Sentences will vary. These are examples.

1. dislike
   I dislike cold, rainy days.
2. preview
   We watched a preview of the new movie.
3. nonsense
   That silly story is pure nonsense.