

Reading Multisyllable Words Lesson 4: Common Prefixes

Although most of these common prefixes are phonetic it helps in reading to quickly process them. Practice reading and writing these common prefixes helps the student master the complex task of reading multi-syllable words. In addition, learning the meaning of the prefixes develops vocabulary. This lesson is long and will require multiple sessions to complete. Work through reading and writing one prefix group at a time. For each prefix, have the student read the listed words. Make syllable breaks only if the student needs help. Next have the student write/spell 10-15 words from *each* prefix listing. If the student is not fluent in the words have him re-read the list of words at least once before moving to the next prefix. If necessary, include review where the student reads previous lists. Remember, fluency is built by practice. If specific words are difficult, have the student write those word several times.

*As the student reads, have a pencil ready and make slash marks to indicate syllable breaks *only* if and when the student needs assistance with a word. If necessary, help with pronunciation and then have child re-read the word with correct pronunciation.

un- (not or opposed to)

unpack	unclean	unlike	unbolt	unglue
unfold	unbound	unclear	unearth	unknown
unload	unreal	unseen	untrue	unfit
uncap	unrest	unfurl	unhook	unjust
unwell	unsafe	uncoil	undress	unwise
unclench	unwind	unfed	uncurl	uncut
unfair	unpaid	unclasp	unscrew	unburnt
unsure	unwrap	untold	untried	unclog
uncertain	unconcern	uncover	uneven	unable
unarmed	unbeaten	unchosen	uneaten	unfasten
unfriendly	ungrateful	unhappy	unselfish	untangle
untimely	unwilling	unlikely	unequal	unbroken
unwritten	unworthy	uncorrupt	uncalled	unending
ungodly	unhealthy	unbending	unbiased	uncanny
unfeeling	unscramble	uncaring	uncommon	unhelpful
unfounded	unsightly	unselfish	unwrapped	untidy
unfenced	unplanned	unfaithful	unchained	unspoken

unclogged	unafraid	unfinished	unwilling	unworthy
unbuckle	unchanging	unbalanced	unfamiliar	unadjusted
unashamed	unappetizing	unavailable	unlimited	undamaged
unconcealed	undecided	unprofitable	unsuccessful	unemployed
unpopular	unprepared	unconcerned	undisturbed	unbelieving
uncontrolled	unexciting	unexplained	unseasoned	unaffected

re- (again or back)

renew	replace	redo	return	restore
repeat	remind	rebuild	recheck	regroup
remove	reload	relay	rename	reshape
rebound	recall	recede	reclaim	redeem
reflect	remit	react	reprint	retain
retrieve	review	revive	revise	rehire
rewrite	repay	refill	restate	retie
rewind	recount	return	reheat	respond
remake	report	reread	restart	retake
reuse	revolt	revolve	resolve	refrain
retype	rework	remade	reroute	restrain
reword	resend	rehire	retest	recoil
retraced	refreshing	refilled	reenter	renumber
recopy	relocate	reinvent	rekindle	reoccur
remember	recover	redirect	revisit	reinsert
reinspect	reaffirm	reappoint	reattach	rekindle
reconfirm	redefine	reflective	repeated	reignite
reinfect	reconstruct	resharpen	readjust	rearrange
reappear	reinvest	reprocess	reinforce	recovery