Language Skills Series

Book Five
Prefixes
and Suffixes

Activities for language learning.

Introduction

The Language Skills Series was written to help students learn and consolidate on their understanding of basic English skills. Research has shown that many students lack the skills needed to unlock the written word. The ability to unlock words gives the student a tool to facilitate the learning of the English language.

This set of books has been tested extensively and the books have proven to be effective with all age groups, from younger students through to adults. Staff involved with ESL students have also found them useful.

The worksheets can be:

- used in a one-to-one situation;
- used with the whole class;
- used with small groups of students;
- sent home to reinforce a skill already learned.

Benefits of the worksheets include:

- they can be chosen to meet individual needs;
- they allow students to work at their own pace;
- they reinforce a known skill;
- the worksheets can be repeated if necessary;
- they provide a written record of student knowledge;
- they provide practice at answering open-ended questions.
- they are easy to use;
- they can be used to introduce a new concept;
- they are easy to mark;

Note: Answers, where appropriate, have been provided.

This series endeavours to assist students of all ages and ethnic backgrounds to gain mastery of the English language.

I hope you enjoy using the books.

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Worksheet 1 · **The prefix 'dis'**

(can mean 'not')
A **prefix** is a letter or a group of letters that can be placed in front of a base (root) word to add to, or change, its meaning.

Example: dis   **dis**appear   *meaning not to be visible / out of sight / vanish*

1. Write the dictionary meaning of each word.
Underline the **prefix 'dis'**.

disagree: _____

disable: _____

discharge: _____

disrepair: _____

discontent: _____

2. Find and write six new words that start with the **prefix 'dis'**.
Underline the base (root) word.
Use four words in questions.

_____   _____   _____

_____   _____   _____

Question: _____

Question: _____

Question: _____

Question: _____

3. Complete the sentences including one of the following words.
Underline the prefix **'dis'**.

| *disobedient* | *dishonest* | *disappear* | *disharmony* | *disconnect* |
| *disarm* | *discontent* | *disobey* | *disqualify* | *dislike* |

When the child was _____

There was _____

John was told _____

The magician was _____

Our _____

I had to _____

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Worksheet 3 **The prefixes 'in' and 'im'**

(can mean 'into' or 'not')
A **prefix** is a letter or a group of letters that can be placed in front of a
base (root) word to add to, or change, its meaning.

Example: *in*capable   *not capable of doing something.*

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1. Find and write six words that start with the **prefix 'im' or 'in'**.
Choose two words and use each in a sentence.

_____   _____   _____

_____   _____   _____

Sentence:_____

_____

Sentence:_____

_____

2. Circle the correct word starting with the **prefix 'in' or 'im'** in each sentence.
Use the other word in another sentence.

a. The girl's (*inaction / inbuilt*) caused the accident.

a. _____

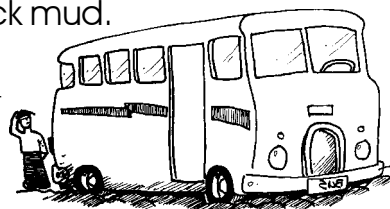**b.** The students were told that it was an (*inflow / informal*) meeting.

b. _____

c. The old bus was (*impolite / immovable*) and sat in the thick mud.

c. _____

3. Write the dictionary meaning of the following words that
start with the **prefix 'im' or 'in'**.

inaction: _____

insane: _____

impatient: _____

infrequent: _____

immortal: _____

indefinite: _____

impolite: _____

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Name: ....   Date: ....

Worksheet 4

The prefix 'mis'

(can mean 'not')

A **prefix** is a letter or a group of letters that can be placed in front of a base (root) word to add to, or change, its meaning.

Example: **mis**behave   means not to behave

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1. Circle the words that can have the **prefix 'mis'** added.
Write the new words on the lines provided. Use two words in sentences.

trust	help	led	load	use	place	name	mission

_____   _____   _____   _____   _____

Sentence:_____

_____

Sentence:_____

_____

2. Find and complete the words that have the **prefix 'mis'** and start with the following letters. Write the complete word.
Choose four words and write each word in a question.

mist _____   _____   misl _____   _____

mism _____   _____   misq _____   _____

mistr _____   _____   mispr _____   _____

Question: _____

Question: _____

Question: _____

Question: _____

3. Write the dictionary meaning of each word.
Underline the **prefix 'mis'**.

mistimed _____

misprint _____

mistreat _____

misdirect _____

miscalculate _____