

Prefixes

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Many of us that attended government school were not taught that prefixes or word beginnings will increase our vocabulary by changing the definition of a word to form a new word. Yet, not only does grammar teach us about the importance of prefixes, but there is a Christian worldview behind grammar that points us to our Lord.

Week #3

Reminder:

Prefix Definition = a letter or group of letters added on **before** a word

Review Prefix Week #1 and Prefix Week #2.

un = not

e.g., **un**avoidable, **un**necessary, **un**decided, **un**solved, **un**opposed, **un**framed

mis = opposite; wrongly

e.g., **mis**understand, **mis**judge, **mis**quote, **mis**remember, **mis**match, **mis**direct, **mis**fire

im = not

e.g., **im**mature, **im**prudent, **im**provable, **im**polite, **im**mortal, **im**perfect, **im**proper

Flashcards: Cut on the solid lines and fold on the dotted line.

Front

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un -	prefix = not e.g., un avoidable, un necessary, un decided, un solved, un opposed, un framed
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mis -	prefix = opposite; wrongly e.g., mis understand, mis judge, mis quote, mis remember, mis match, mis direct, mis fire
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im -	prefix = not e.g., im mature, im prudent, im provvable, im polite, im mortal, im perfect, im proper
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un = not

Prefix	+	Word	=	New Word	=	New Meaning
un	+	avoidable	=	un avoidable	=	not avoidable
un	+	necessary	=	un necessary	=	not necessary
un	+	decided	=	un decided	=	not decided
un	+	solved	=	un solved	=	not solved
un	+	opposed	=	un opposed	=	not opposed
un	+	framed	=	un framed	=	not framed

Exercise: Now it is YOUR turn. Verbally or in writing, complete the graph below.

Prefix	+	Word	=	New Word	=	New Meaning
un	+	disturbed	=		=	
un	+	organized	=		=	
un	+	cooked	=		=	
un	+	named	=		=	
un	+	dated	=		=	
un	+	patriotic	=		=	
un	+	shaken	=		=	
un	+	heated	=		=	
un	+	judged	=		=	
un	+	motivated	=		=	
un	+	viewed	=		=	
un	+	recorded	=		=	
un	+	merited	=		=	
un	+	shrunken	=		=	
un	+	contested	=		=	
un	+	countable	=		=	
un	+	approved	=		=	
un	+	assisted	=		=	
un	+	bleached	=		=	
un	+	blameable	=		=	
un	+	changed	=		=	
un	+	cooperative	=		=	
un	+	clean	=		=	
un	+	bruised	=		=	
un	+	befitting	=		=	
un	+	appreciated	=		=	
un	+	bothered	=		=	
un	+	comforted	=		=	
un	+	adjusted	=		=	
un	+	caring	=		=	

mis = opposite; wrongly

Prefix	+	Word	=	New Word	=	New Meaning
mis	+	understand	=	mis understand	=	not understand
mis	+	judge	=	mis judge	=	judge wrongly
mis	+	remember	=	mis remember	=	not remember
mis	+	quote	=	mis quote	=	quote wrongly
mis	+	match	=	mis match	=	match wrongly
mis	+	direct	=	mis direct	=	direct wrongly

Exercise: Now it is YOUR turn. Verbally or in writing, complete the graph below.

Prefix	+	Word	=	New Word	=	New Meaning
mis	+	calculate	=		=	
mis	+	print	=		=	
mis	+	trust	=		=	
mis	+	deed	=		=	
mis	+	fire	=		=	
mis	+	behave	=		=	
mis	+	label	=		=	
mis	+	educate	=		=	
mis	+	apply	=		=	
mis	+	doubt	=		=	
mis	+	perceive	=		=	
mis	+	treat	=		=	
mis	+	communicate	=		=	
mis	+	adventure	=		=	
mis	+	aligned	=		=	
mis	+	count	=		=	
mis	+	deal	=		=	
mis	+	describe	=		=	
mis	+	handle	=		=	
mis	+	guide	=		=	
mis	+	pronounce	=		=	
mis	+	trial	=		=	
mis	+	trust	=		=	
mis	+	apprehend	=		=	
mis	+	apply	=		=	
mis	+	file	=		=	
mis	+	diagnosis	=		=	
mis	+	belief	=		=	
mis	+	conduct	=		=	
mis	+	read	=		=	

im = not

Prefix	+	Word	=	New Word	=	New Meaning
im	+	mature	=	immature	=	not mature
im	+	prudent	=	imprudent	=	not prudent
im	+	provable	=	improvable	=	not provable
im	+	mortal	=	immortal	=	not mortal
im	+	perfect	=	imperfect	=	not perfect

Exercise: Now it is YOUR turn. Verbally or in writing, complete the graph below.

Prefix	+	Word	=	New Word	=	New Meaning
im	+	proper	=		=	
im	+	modest	=		=	
im	+	material	=		=	
im	+	personal	=		=	
im	+	perturbable	=		=	
im	+	passable	=		=	
im	+	mobile	=		=	
im	+	patient	=		=	
im	+	perishable	=		=	
im	+	pious	=		=	
im	+	ponderable	=		=	
im	+	polite	=		=	
im	+	movable	=		=	
im	+	purity	=		=	
im	+	probable	=		=	
im	+	precise	=		=	
im	+	permissible	=		=	