Verb prefixes

re-

de-

over-

A prefix is a group of letters which comes *before* a root word to alter its meaning. (The word prefix contains the prefix pre- which means before.)

Knowledge and understanding of prefixes is very important to help you infer the meaning of words and to spell them correctly.

dis-

mis-

Revise and Remind

re-

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Pick a prefix and see how many words you can think of that begin with that prefix in 2 minutes.

Play against a partner

After two minutes are up check your words — score 2 points for each correctly prefixed word but lose one point for each incorrect word.

Revise and Remind

re-

Here are some examples of this prefix in use –

replay   rewind

revisit   retrain

What do you think this prefix means when it is used before a root word?

The prefix **re-** refers to the act of doing something again or moving/backing away.

Can you think of any other words which use the prefix **re-**?

Revise and Remind

dis-

Here are some examples of this prefix in use –

dislike   disbelieve

disabled   distrust

disallow   disapprove

What do you think this prefix means when it is used before a root word?

The prefix **dis-** has a reversing negative effect. It means 'don't' or 'not' when used before a word.

Can you think of any other words which use the prefix **dis-**?

Revise and Remind

de-

Here are some examples of this prefix in use –

decrease   decouple

deice   decode

devalue

What do you think this prefix means when it is used before a root word?

The prefix **de-** means 'to remove', 'off' or 'from'. It can also be used to form an opposite.

Can you think of any other words which use the prefix **de-**?

Revise and Remind

mis-

Here are some examples of this prefix in use –

misbehave

misfit   mistrial

misstep   mislead

What do you think this prefix means when it is used before a root word?

The prefix **mis-** means 'wrongly' or 'badly.'

Can you think of any other words which use the prefix **mis-**?

Revise and Remind

over-

Here are some examples of this prefix in use –

overreact

overcook   overdress

overheat   overfull

What do you think this prefix means when it is used before a root word?

The prefix **over-** means 'too much' of something, 'above' or 'beyond.'

Can you think of any other words which use the prefix **over-**?