

# Application and Reasoning

## Step 1: What is a Prefix?

### National Curriculum Objectives:

English Year 3: (3G6.2) [Formation of nouns using a range of prefixes \[for example super-, anti-, auto-\]](#)

Spelling: Spell more prefixes

Terminology for pupils:

- (3G6.2) [prefix](#)

### Differentiation:

Questions 1, 4 and 7 (Application)

**Developing** Use the given words to create two sentences. Words are primarily taken from the KS1 spelling objectives.

**Expected** Use the given words to create two sentences. Words are primarily taken from the Year 3 and 4 statutory spellings.

**Greater Depth** Use the given words to create two sentences. Words are primarily taken from the Year 3 and 4 statutory spellings but may include more complicated words and vocabulary.

Questions 2, 5 and 8 (Reasoning)

**Developing** Provide an explanation to a given statement about words including the prefix 'un'. Words are primarily taken from the KS1 spelling objectives.

**Expected** Provide an explanation to a given statement about words including the prefix 'un'. Words are primarily taken from the Year 3 and 4 statutory spellings.

**Greater Depth** Provide an explanation to a given statement about words including the prefix 'un'. Words are primarily taken from the Year 3 and 4 statutory spellings but may include more complicated words and vocabulary.

Questions 3, 6 and 9 (Reasoning)

**Developing** Agree or disagree with a given statement about the prefix 'un'. Words are primarily taken from the KS1 spelling objectives.

**Expected** Agree or disagree with a given statement about the prefix 'un'. Words are primarily taken from the Year 3 and 4 statutory spellings.

**Greater Depth** Agree or disagree with a given statement about the prefix 'un'. Words are primarily taken from the Year 3 and 4 statutory spellings but may include more complicated words and vocabulary.

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## What is a Prefix?

1a. Look at the words below.

fair

unfair

Use each word to write two sentences.



A

## What is a Prefix?

1b. Look at the words below.

well

unwell

Use each word to write two sentences.



A

2a. True or false?



The word 'unlock' can be used in a sentence with the word 'door' in it.

Convince me.



R

2b. True or false?



The word 'unpack' cannot be used to describe the items in a box.

Convince me.



R

3a. The sentence below can be completed with both of these words and the prefix 'un'.

load

fold

Jake was told to \_\_\_\_\_ the jumpers from the box.

Do you agree?  
Explain your answer.



R

3b. The sentence below can be completed with both of these words and the prefix 'un'.

tucked

hoped

He \_\_\_\_\_ his shirt from his trousers because it was itchy.

Do you agree?  
Explain your answer.



R

## What is a Prefix?

4a. Look at the words below.

equal

unequal

Use each word to write two sentences.



A

## What is a Prefix?

4b. Look at the words below.

usual

unusual

Use each word to write two sentences.



A

5a. True or false?



The word 'unloved' cannot be used to describe something good.

Convince me.



R

5b. True or false?



The word 'unlimited' can be used in a sentence when talking about food.

Convince me.



R

6a. The sentence below can be completed with both of these words and the prefix 'un'.

wound

tied

Helen \_\_\_\_\_ the ball of string with great care.

Do you agree?  
Explain your answer.



R

6b. The sentence below can be completed with both of these words and the prefix 'un'.

cleared

covered

Nate \_\_\_\_\_ the treasure from the sand.

Do you agree?  
Explain your answer.



R

## What is a Prefix?

7a. Look at the words below.

proven

unproven

Use each word to write two sentences.



A

## What is a Prefix?

7b. Look at the words below.

install

uninstall

Use each word to write two sentences.



A

8a. True or false?



The word 'unplanned' cannot be used to describe someone who is organised.

Convince me.



R

8b. True or false?



The word 'untwisted' can be used instead of the word 'unravelled' in a sentence.

Convince me.



R

9a. The sentence below can be completed with both of these words and the prefix 'un'.

selfish

helpful

Damien was always \_\_\_\_\_ at school.

Do you agree?  
Explain your answer.



R

9b. The sentence below can be completed with both of these words and the prefix 'un'.

beatable

finished

The warrior had claimed many victims and was said to be \_\_\_\_\_.

Do you agree?  
Explain your answer.



R

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### Developing

1a. Various answers, for example: We made sure that it was a fair test. It was an unfair decision.

2a. Various answers, for example: True – I didn't have the key to unlock the door.

3a. Agree. Adding the prefix 'un' will change the words into 'unload' and 'unfold'. You can unload and unfold jumpers.

### Expected

4a. Various answers, for example: Troy and his brother were equal in size. My sister gave us an unequal amount of chocolate.

5a. Various answers, for example: False – He was never unloved as a child.

6a. Agree. Adding the prefix 'un' will change the words into 'unwound' and 'untied'. String can be unwound or untied.

### Greater Depth

7a. Various answers, for example: It was proven that the crime was committed by her. The cause of the accident is still unproven.

8a. Various answers, for example: False – He was always organised and didn't like unplanned decisions.

9a. Agree. Adding the prefix 'un' will change the words into 'unselfish' and 'unhelpful'. A person can be unselfish or unhelpful.

## Application and Reasoning What is a Prefix?

### Developing

1b. Various answers, for example: Sophie didn't feel too well last night. Jan was unwell and went home.

2b. Various answers, for example: False – He wanted to unpack the toys from the box.

3b. Disagree. Adding the prefix 'un' will change the words into 'untucked' and 'unhoped'. A shirt can be untucked but unhoped is not a word.

### Expected

4b. Various answers, for example: Tom arrived home at the usual time. She gave him an unusual look once she found out his secret.

5b. Various answers, for example: True – He was given a voucher for an unlimited buffet!

6b. Disagree. Adding the prefix 'un' will change the words into 'uncleared' and 'uncovered'. Treasure can be uncovered but cannot be uncleared.

### Greater Depth

7b. Various answers, for example: Eli couldn't wait to get home and install the game on his console. He hated the game and wanted to uninstall it immediately.

8b. Various answers, for example: True – Sandra untwisted/unravelled the rope from the bag.

9b. Disagree. Adding the prefix 'un' will change the words into 'unbeatable' and 'unfinished'. A warrior can be unbeatable but unfinished does not make sense in the sentence.