

# What is a Prefix?

1. Add the prefix 'un-' to the words below to change their meaning.

dress

wind

familiar

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4. Choose one of the words below.

tie

well

usual

Add 'un-' and write the new word in a sentence.

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2. Underline the words in the sentences below which need the prefix 'un-'.

A. When Sam clenched his hands, the berries fell to the ground.

B. The substation near the factories was extremely safe.

C. The teacher was appalled at how tidy his classroom was.

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5. Circle the odd one out.

unkind

ungain

unpack

unknown

Explain your reasoning.

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3. Complete the sentence below by adding 'un-' to the word 'happy'.

Koban and his dog Hetty were \_\_\_\_\_ when Grandpa Joe left for his two-month holiday to Spain.

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6. Mr Gill shares the sentence below.

It is very likely that it will rain in the desert.

Rueben says,



If you add 'un-' to the word 'rain', it will change the meaning of the sentence.

Is he correct? Convince me.

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1. undress; unwind; unfamiliar
2. A. When Sam clenched his hands, the berries fell to the ground. B. The substation near the factories was extremely safe. C. The teacher was appalled at how tidy his classroom was.
3. unhappy
4. Various answers, for example: It was very unusual for the postman to not attend work.
5. 'ungain' is the odd one out because adding the 'un-' prefix does not make sense.
6. No, he is incorrect because grammatically the 'un-' prefix cannot be added to 'rain' The prefix should be added to 'likely' which would then change the meaning of the sentence.