

Adding 'de-', 'dis-' and 'mis-'

1. Match the prefixes below with a given root word to create a new word.

dis

fortune

mis

engage

de

grade

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4. John has used the prefix below and added it to the root word 'own'.

dis

disown

How has the meaning of the root word changed? Convince me.

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2. Tick the sentence which includes a prefix meaning 'to get wrong'.

A. I do not like people who are dishonest.

B. "I need to deflate this air bed!" groaned dad.

C. Unfortunately, I misjudged the situation.

D. I am trying to decode some clues in my puzzle book.

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5. Create four new words by adding the prefixes 'de-', 'dis-' and 'mis-' to the root words below.

A. connect

B. fuse

C. clutter

D. calculate

Use each new word in a sentence.

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3. Choose the correct prefix to complete the sentences below.

mis-

dis-

de-

A. This morning, my dad took the chicken out of the freezer ready to _____ frost for tea later today.

B. My friend was in trouble today as he _____ behaved in class.

C. When we arrived in the port, we had to wait to _____ embark the ship.

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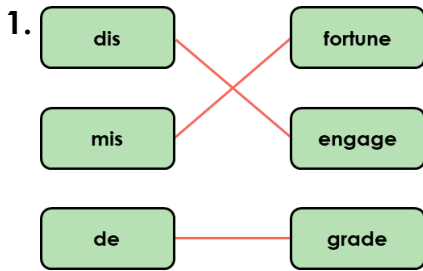
6. Ella has written the passage below.

As we approached the summit, a feeling of dread passed through my body. The road ahead was a treacherous one and if we didn't decelerate soon, we were never going to make it. It was the one thing I disliked about living in the mountains – the hills!

Has she used the prefixes correctly? Prove it.

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2. C

3. A. de-; B. mis-; C. dis-

4. The root word 'own' means to possess or have possession of something but the prefix 'dis-' in the word disown means that you no longer have possession of it.

5. Various answers, for example:

A. We had to disconnect the washing machine yesterday as it was leaking.

B. It is important to try and defuse an argument so that everyone has the chance to calm down.

C. My mum has asked me to declutter my bedroom and I really don't want to as it is glorious weather outside.

D. It was my grandma's 80th birthday party and my mum had miscalculated how many guests were going to be coming.

6. Ella has used one prefix correctly and one incorrectly. 'De-' is used correctly in decelerate, meaning to slow down but the prefix 'dis-' should have been used to make the new word 'disliked' and not 'misliked'.