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- A *prefix* is a group of letters added to the beginning of a word that changes the word's meaning.

un "not" or "opposite"**re** "again"**dis** "not"**mis** "wrongly"**sub** "under"**over** "too much"**non** "not"**in, im, ir, il** "not"**in, im** "within" or "into"

- Sometimes these letter clusters are not prefixes and do not change the meaning of a word. Some examples are in the words *unit*, *missile*, *substitute*, and *image*.

Read the words in the box below. Then write each word next to its correct meaning. The first one has been done for you.

unusual

overact

regain

unfinished

impatient

nonslip

distrust

misguide

- does not slip **nonslip** _____
- not patient _____
- not finished _____
- not having trust _____
- to gain again _____
- to guide wrongly _____
- not usual _____
- act too much _____

Read the words in the box below. Then write each word next to its correct meaning. The first one has been done for you.

refreeze
dishonest

overact
unimportant

submerge
refreeze

misguide
impossible

1. not important unimportant
2. act too much _____
3. not honest _____
4. freeze again _____
5. not possible _____
6. guide wrongly _____
7. put under water _____
8. not honest _____

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Word Study: Prefixes

Name _____

A. Read each word and circle the prefix. Then write a definition of the word based on the meaning of the prefix.

1. unimportant _____
2. reunite _____
3. misguide _____
4. nonspecific _____
5. dishonest _____
6. underwater _____