

# Prefix Practice: dis-, non-, un- Answer Key

A prefix is a word part attached to the beginning of a word to change the meaning of that word.

Prefixes that mean **not** or **the opposite of**:

**dis** + believe = disbelieve (not believe)

**non** + toxic = nontoxic (not toxic)

**un** + expected = unexpected (not expected)

**Directions:** Add the prefix **dis-**, **non-**, or **un-** to each base word to form a new word. There are some words that can be paired with more than one potential prefix.

1. dis honest

6. dis/un\* qualified

2. non sense

7. dis obey

3. dis infect

8. non profit

\* Both prefixes are correct.

4. un tidy

9. dis/un\* graceful

5. un happy

10. un dress

Now, **write a silly paragraph** where you include **at least five** of the words that you just formed.

Student answers will vary.