



Language Conventions

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Introductory Activity

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Review Activity

Consolidation Activity

Assessment

Aim

- Know how the prefix un- changes the meaning of verbs and adjectives.

Success Criteria

- I can recognise that adding un- makes a new word.
- I can read and write un- words.
- I can say how un- changes the meaning of verbs and adjectives.
- I can match words with un- to their root words.

Introductory Activity



Sorting Words



Can you spot what is different about these words and sort them into two groups?

tie

unkind

unzip

happy

kind

zip

untie

unhappy

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Sorting Words



Did you spot that some words start with the prefix un-?



A prefix is a letter or group of letters added to the beginning of a word which changes its meaning.

How does adding un- change the meaning of these words?



tie

kind

happy

zip

unzip

untie

unhappy

unkind

Sorting Words

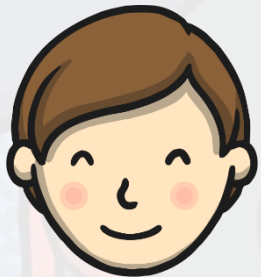


When un- is added to adjectives (describing words) it means 'not'.

A prefix is a letter or group of letters added to the beginning of a word which changes its meaning.



kind → **un**kind
(not kind)



happy → **un**happy
(not happy)



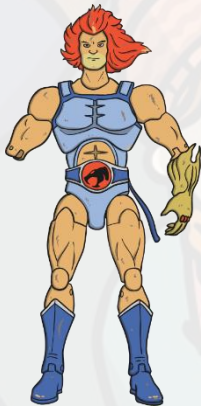
Sorting Words



When un- is added to **verbs** (action words) it means the reverse of that action.



zip → **un**zip
(undo the zip)




used → **un**used
(not been used)



Independent Focused Activity





**Do lesson 1 activity. There are 3 worksheets. Just do worksheet 3.
It has 3 stars.**

**Try making your sentences more complex by adding a conjunction.
(because, so, when)**

Lesson 1





Lesson 2

1. Recap:- How do we use 'un'
2. Writing sentences with 'un'

Matching Up



Remember:

- **un-** means 'not' when added to a describing word (**adjective**).
- **un-** means **the reverse of an action** when added to an action word (**verb**).


Add 'un' to the words below. What sentences can you make with the words?

helpful

button

lucky

well



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Lesson 1

Using un- Words in Sentences



You are now going to complete the Using un- Words in Sentences Activity Sheet.

Using un- Words in Sentences

1. Choose the correct un- words to finish the sentences.

unwell	unable	unkind	unlock	unlucky
unpack	unbutton	unfair	unhelpful	unfold

a) Dan was being very _____ to Joe.

b) When Sue wouldn't clean her room she was being _____.

c) "Can you _____ my coat?" Henry asked.

d) I will just _____ the door so we can go in.

e) Tia was _____ and lost the game.



2. Now write your own sentences using some of the other un- words from the table.

3. Can you write some sentences using any other un-words you can think of?

Using un- Words in Sentences

Choose the correct un- words to finish the sentences.

Dan was being very _____ to Joe.

_____ unkind / unwell

When Sue wouldn't clean her room she was being _____.

_____ unfair / unhelpful

Can you _____ my coat?" Henry asked.

_____ unbutton / unwind

I will just _____ the door so we can go in.

_____ unlock / unpack

Tia was _____ and lost the game.

_____ unable / unlucky



Now write your own sentences using these un- words.

unable

untidy

Can you write some sentences using any other un-words you can think of?

Using un- Words in Sentences

Write a new word to complete the sentences.

_____ kind to Joe.

_____ and wouldn't clean her room.

_____ helpful my coat?" Henry asked.

_____ button the door.

_____ lock and lost the game.

_____ lucky



Write your own sentences using one of these un- words:

unable

untidy

unfair



Lesson 3
Are you an expert on 'un' words?

un- Quiz



Are you an expert on words starting with un-?

Listen carefully to each question and choose an answer **a** or **b** to write on your whiteboard.

Let's begin!

un- Quiz



unfair

This word means:

- a.** not fair
- b.** you can't go to the fair

un- Quiz



unfair

Answer:

a. not fair

un- Quiz



What do we get if we add un- to this word?

fit

This word
means:

- a. fitun
- b. unfit

un- Quiz



fit

Answer:

b. unfit – fit becomes unfit

un- Quiz



What word means:
'to take the plug out'?

This word means:

- a. unplug
- b. outplug

un- Quiz



What word means:
'to take the plug out'?

Answer:

a. Unplug means 'to take the plug out'

un- Quiz



unpleasant

What is the root of this word?

- a. please
- b. pleasant

un- Quiz



unpleasant

Answer:

b. pleasant

un- Quiz



What does this word mean?

untidy

- a. not tidy
- b. not happy

un- Quiz



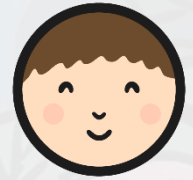
What does this word mean?

untidy

Answer:

b. not tidy (messy)

Fun with un-



Complete lesson 3 activities

Application Activity

1. Can you find these un- words in the grid?

j	u	n	l	o	a	d	w	m	o
c	n	b	u	c	x	u	b	u	t
c	k	h	n	e	u	n	c	n	u
u	t	u	h	u	n	f	i	r	d
n	n	n	e	n	c	a	n	i	u
f	y	h	l	t	l	s	l	d	n
a	n	a	p	i	e	t	o	c	w
i	h	p	f	d	a	e	a	m	i
r	i	p	u	y	r	n	d	i	n
i	h	y	l	u	n	k	i	n	d

unkind	untidy
unhappy	unload
unfair	unfit
unwind	unfasten
unclear	unhelpful

Application Activity

2. Choose 3 of the words and write them here with their meanings.

_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

3. Choose 3 different words and write them in a sentence.

_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____