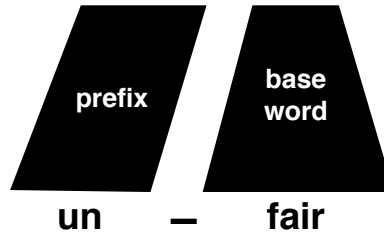


Name:

Negative prefixes

un-fair
dis-trust
non-issue

Many longer words are made up of a base word plus a prefix:



A prefix comes at the beginning of a word, before the base word. Prefixes change or add to the meaning of the base word.


The prefix **un-** has the meaning “not.” The prefix **un-** added to the base word **fair** means “not fair.”

We call **un-** a negative prefix. Other negative prefixes are **dis-**, **in-**, and **non-**.



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Negative prefixes, continued

 Read the passage below.

Circle words that start with negative prefixes **un-**, **dis-**, **non-**, or **in-**.

People on the Move

Around the world, millions of people are on the move. In planes, boats, and cars, they are headed to new homes. The U.S. is not the only country with many new immigrants. Big cities in Europe and Asia from London to Hong Kong are also home to many new residents.

Why do immigrants move? Many are discontented with their life chances at home. Jobs may be hard to come by. The future may feel uncertain. Other immigrants move because they are unhappy with everyday life. They may distrust their government. Housing may be inadequate. Streets may be unsafe.

Some migrants leave because of daily injustices. They face prejudice because of their race or religion. For these immigrants, a new country offers hope of a fresh start.

Check your work! Copy down the words you found with negative prefixes:

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