Word Roots and Prefixes

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A prefix is added to the beginning of a word. A root carries a core meaning. For example, re- often means 'again', while the root port relates to 'carry'. Use these clues carefully: a familiar part is a hint, not always a complete definition.

1. What does the prefix re- usually mean?

2. What does the prefix pre- often mean?

3. What does the prefix mis- often mean?

4. What does the prefix un- often mean?

5. What does transport mean? Use the root port.

6. What does preview mean? Use pre- and view.

7. Write a sentence using reconsider.

8. What does misunderstand mean?

9. Explain how impossible differs from possible.

10. Add a prefix to write the opposite of regular.

11. Which word means 'write again': rewrite or replay?

12. Why should you check a whole word's context as well as its parts?