

Prefixes

A prefix is a letter or group of letters that you can add to the beginning of words to change their meaning, e.g.

secure → insecure

appear → disappear

Part A

Sort the following words into the correct boxes:

obey correct behave lead fresh active heading marine

dis-	mis-	re-	in-	sub-
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Can you think of some words of your own that begin with these prefixes?

Write them in the boxes below:

dis-	mis-	re-	in-	sub-

Prefixes

Part B

Add a prefix from the box below to each root word. Then, use each prefix word in a sentence.

il-	dis-	anti-	im-	ir-
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_____ social _____ patient _____ regular

_____ legal _____ clockwise _____ agree

Challenge Task

Can you think of some words of your own that are made using the prefixes super- and inter-?

Prefixes Answers

Part A

dis- <i>disobey</i>	mis- <i>misbehave</i> <i>mislead</i>	re- <i>refresh</i>	in- <i>incorrect</i> <i>inactive</i>	sub- <i>subheading</i> <i>submarine</i>
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Other examples could include:

dis-	mis-	re-	in-	sub-
<i>disappoint</i> <i>disagree</i>	<i>misspell</i> <i>mistrust</i>	<i>redo</i> <i>reappear</i>	<i>inability</i> <i>inconsiderate</i>	<i>submerge</i> <i>subdivide</i>

Part B

anti social

im patient

ir regular

il legal

anti- clockwise

dis agree

Challenge Task

Can you think of some words of your own that are made using the prefixes super- and inter-?

Answers could include: supermarket, superman, superstar, etc.

interact, international, intercity, etc.