

Prefixes

A **prefix** is a group of letters that we add to the **beginning** of a word to make a new word.

For example: If we put **un** at the beginning of the word **happy** we get the word **unhappy**.

The word **unhappy** is the **opposite** of the word **happy**.

Add the prefix un to each of the following words:

done plug able told willing
safe wary wanted read ripe

Copy out and complete the following sentences using the words you have just made.

1. "Your shoe lace is _____," said Mary to her brother.
2. "Don't forget to _____ the television when you go to bed," said mum.
3. "I am afraid that I am _____ to attend parents' evening," she wrote.
4. The floods this autumn did _____ damage.
5. The boy was _____ to admit that he did it.
6. "It is _____ to skate on thin ice," said the policeman.
7. The _____ tourist is likely to get his pocket picked.
8. Please take any _____ books and games to the charity shop.
9. Many of the books in the school library remain _____.
10. If you eat _____ apples you will get stomach ache.

Add the prefix un to each of the following words:

fair glued just kind loved
lucky tied tidy paid sealed

Write a sentence for each of the new words you have made.

