



Understanding Prefixes and New Words

Today's Standard

2.L.4b - Determine the meaning of the new word formed when a known prefix is added to a known word (e.g., happy/unhappy, tell/retell).

Cues	Notes
What is a prefix?	A prefix is a group of letters added to the beginning of a word to change its meaning.
How does a prefix change a word?	Prefixes can change the meaning of a word in various ways, not just to its opposite.
Examples of common prefixes	Common prefixes include 'un-', 're-', 'pre-', 'dis-', 'mis-'.
Common misconceptions about prefixes	Misconception: Prefixes always change the word to its opposite meaning. Reality: They can change the meaning in different ways.

Summary

Understanding prefixes helps in decoding new words and improving vocabulary. Not all prefixes change words to their opposites, and not all prefixes can be added to any word.