

Vocabulary Practice 3: Prefixes

Prefixes: *a-*, *in-*, *non-*, *un-*

The **prefix** is a word part that is added to the beginning of a base word. A prefix changes the meaning of the word.

The prefix *in-* means "not." Adding *in-* to the base word *adequate*, meaning "sufficient," makes *inadequate*, which means "not sufficient." The prefixes *a-*, *in-*, *non-*, and *un-* all mean "not," or "without."

A. Add the base word to each prefix to make the new word that matches the definition.

satisfactory restricted	appropriate symmetrical	hospitable warranted	typical harmonious	allergic informed
1. non _____		means "not caused by extreme reaction or sensitivity"		
2. un _____		means "not meeting a standard or requirement"		
3. in _____		means "not suitable"		
4. a _____		means "not the usual or of a certain type"		
5. in _____		means "not in accord or agreement"		
6. un _____		means "not having basis or justification"		
7. non _____		means "not binding or confining; not limited"		
8. un _____		means "not knowing, educated, or knowledgeable"		
9. a _____		means "not capable of division into equal halves"		
10. in _____		means "not friendly or receptive to guests"		

B. Write five other words used with each prefix. Check your words in a dictionary.

<i>non-</i>	<i>un-</i>	<i>in-</i>	<i>a-</i>
1. _____	_____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____	_____
4. _____	_____	_____	_____
5. _____	_____	_____	_____

C. Unscramble these four words, which have prefixes. Write the definitions.

- enlerubila _____
- csifonecpin _____
- romala _____
- idecential _____