

Lesson 23 Words with the Prefixes **in-**, **re-**, and **un-**

Say each word. Listen to the first syllable. Then, write each word.



Spelling Tip

The prefix **in-** can mean *not* or *in*.
 The prefix **re-** often means *again*.
 The prefix **un-** means *not*.

unfair

Spelling Words

- remove _____
- unfair _____
- instant _____
- regret _____
- unable _____
- instead _____
- review _____
- unaware _____
- invent _____
- repeat _____
- unless _____
- incorrect _____
- retreat _____
- refuse _____
- incomplete _____

un
not
 The cat was **unhappy** to see the dog.
 un + happy = not happy

re
again
 The teacher had to **reread** the sentence.
 re + read = read again

prefix **in-** [not, or in/into]

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|--------------------|-----------------------|
| in ability | in correct |
| in active | in complete |
| in accurate | in considerate |
| in adequate | in crease |
| in capable | in credible |
| in clude | in decent |



INCORRECT



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Words in Context

Write the missing spelling words.

Going Fishing

On Saturday morning, my mom

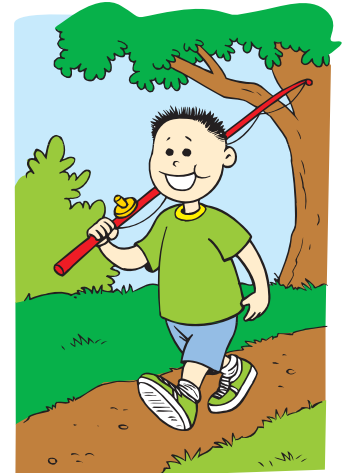
made me _____ my latest math exam. I had seven _____ answers, and one problem was _____ because I hadn't had time to finish it. I had to _____ all of my calculations. The _____ I finished, my best friend called and invited me to go fishing with him.

I was _____ that my dad had other plans for me. He told me to clean my room _____ of going fishing. I thought it was _____ of him to interrupt my plans, but I couldn't _____ to clean my room. I was _____ to _____ any excuses, but I did _____ all those times when I left my clothes lying on the floor.

I was forced to _____ into my messy bedroom. _____ I could clean it up quickly, I would have to forget about fishing. For the next half-hour, I worked incredibly hard to _____ every piece of trash and dirty clothing from my room. Finally, I was free to go fishing.

Challenge

Circle the other words in the journal entry with the suffixes **in-**, **re-**, and **un-**.



remove	instead	review	unaware	invent
repeat	unless	incorrect	retreat	refuse
incomplete	unable	unfair	instant	regret



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Fun with Words

Write the spelling word that belongs to the same word family as each pair of words.

Spelling Words

1. fairness, fairly, _____
2. correction, correctly, _____
3. preview, viewer, _____
4. ability, disabled, _____
5. completely, uncompleted, _____
6. inventor, invention, _____
7. unmoved, removal, _____
8. repetition, repeating, _____
9. refusal, refusing, _____
10. aware, awareness, _____

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Words Across the Curriculum



Say each science word. Then, write the word.

1. recycle _____
2. instinct _____
3. unearth _____
4. react _____

Write the science word that completes each sentence.

1. Some metals _____ to oxygen by rusting.
2. Scientists _____ dinosaur bones very carefully.
3. You can _____ glass, paper, and plastic.
4. An _____ is a behavior that an animal is born knowing.

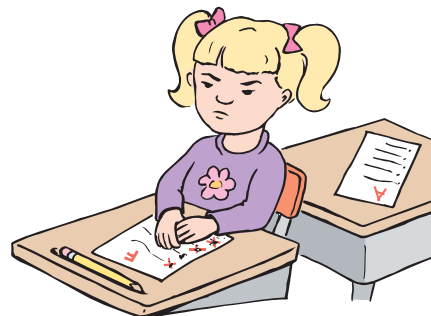
Remember, your science words are: recycle, instinct, unearth, and react!



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Words in Writing

Write a paragraph about something you cannot do very well. Use at least four words from the box.



remove	unable	invent	retreat	unearth
unfair	instead	repeat	refuse	instinct
instant	review	unless	incomplete	react
regret	unaware	incorrect	recycle	

Misspelled Words

Read the paragraph. Circle the five misspelled words. Then, write the words correctly.

I have to admit that I'm completely unabel to play basketball. I tried it once, and it's an experience that I'll never repeet unless I grow about three feet. Insted of getting the ball through the hoop, I could barely throw it over my head. Still, my older brothers wouldn't let me reatreat from the court. I think they had an unfaire advantage because they were much taller than I was.



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