

## Word List

[All of these prefixes have a negative meaning. They do not all mean 'not.']

prefix	meaning	examples
a-	away, from, or off not or without	apolitical, atheist, apathy, aphasia, atrophy, atypical
an-	not, without, or lacking	anarchy, anonymous, anemia, anemia, anarchy, anesthesia
anti-	against or opposed to preventing	antisocial, antiseptic, antithesis, antibody, antinomies, antifreeze, antipathy, antibiotic, antidepressant, antidote, anticlockwise, antinuclear, antisocial, antislavery
counter-	opposite to similar in function or purpose	contradict, counteract, contravene, contrary counterspy, contrapuntal, countermand
de-	away from or off down or lower undo or reverse an action	detach, deploy, derange, decrease, deodorize, devoid, deflate, degenerate, devalue, deactivate, deform, degrade, deplete
dis-	not or lack of away or apart	dismiss, differ, disallow, disperse, dissuade, divide, disconnect, disproportion, disrespect, distemper, disarray, disagree, distrust, disrepair, disinfect, disappoint, discover, disloyal, discontinue, displeasure, discontent, dislodge
for-	prohibit wrongness intensive force	forbid, forget, forgo, forsake
in-	not or without	illegible, irresolute, inaction, inviolate, innocuous, intractable, innocent, impregnable, impossible, imposter, injustice, inconvenient, illegal, immoral, inconsiderate, irresponsible
non-	not, not having, or failure to	nonfat, nonsense, nonfiction, nonliving, nontoxic, nonpayment, nonrefundable, nonferrous, nonabrasive, nondescript, nonaggressive, nonessential, nonchalant, nonconformist
un-	not back or reverse	unceasing, unequal, unfriendly, unfinished, unskilled, ungraceful, unhealthy, unlimited, unsteady, unfasten, uncommon

## **Making the Mini-Book**

Your pages must be duplicated on the front and the back. I ran my pages front and back directly from the printer. This is a simple process with only eight pages. Simply place the page that has been printed on one side back into the printer for the reverse side to be printed. Once all the pages have been printed arrange them in numerical order and staple down the middle to form the book.

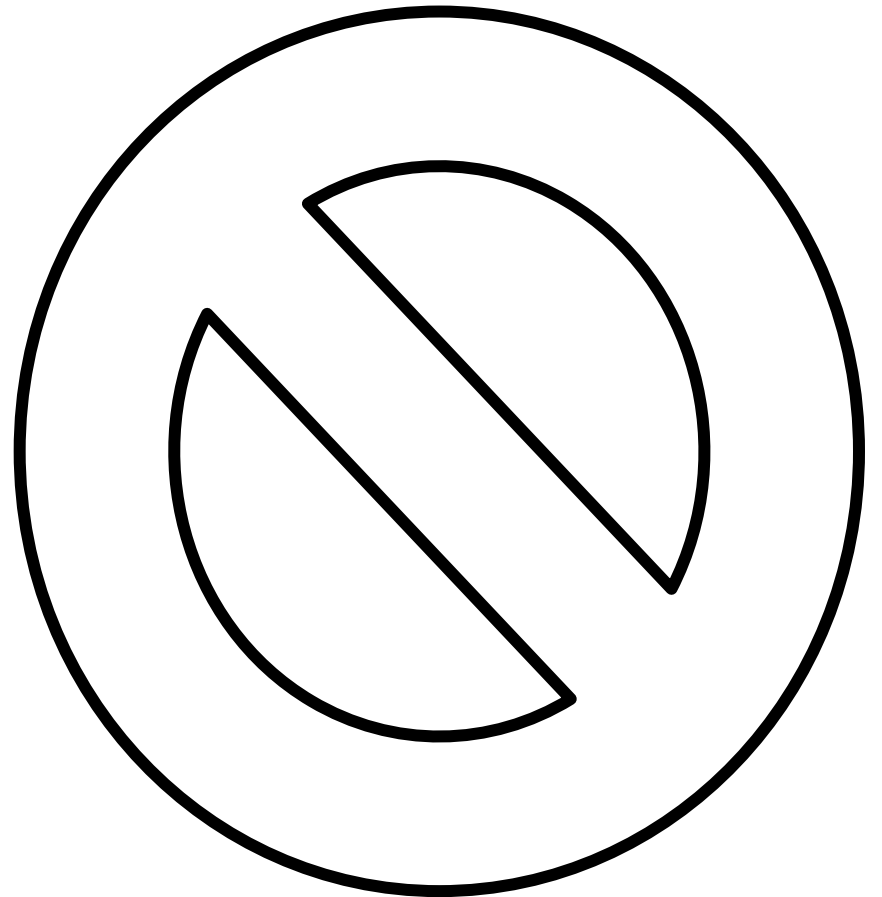
To print the 12 page (3 Pieces of Paper) comprehension book back-to-front follow this guide:

Pages 12 & 1 front with Pages 2 & 11 on back

Pages 10 & 3 front with Pages 4 & 9 on back

Pages 8 & 5 front with Pages 6 & 7 on back


# Prefixes Expressing the Negative



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**un-**


<b>unhappy</b>		not glad or cheerful

a-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• away, from, or off</li> <li>• not or without</li> </ul>
an- [before vowels and h]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• not, without, or lacking</li> </ul>
anti-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• against or opposed to</li> <li>• preventing</li> </ul>
counter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• opposite to</li> <li>• similar in function or purpose</li> </ul>
de-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• away from or off</li> <li>• down or lower</li> <li>• undo or reverse an action</li> </ul>
dis-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• not or lack of</li> <li>• away or apart</li> </ul>
for-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• prohibit</li> <li>• wrongness</li> <li>• intensive force</li> </ul>
in- [il, im, ir, ig]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• not or without</li> </ul>
non-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• not, not having, or failure to</li> </ul>
un-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• not</li> <li>• back or reverse</li> </ul>


a-

<b>atypical</b>		not like other of the same type


non-

<b>nonpayment</b>		failure or neglect to pay


**in- (changes to il-, im-, ir-, ig-)**

<b>immature</b>		not completely grown or developed; not mature

**an-**

<b>anorexia</b>		disorder marked by the inability to eat or the persistent refusal of food






**anti-**

<p><b>antidote</b></p>		<p>remedy for counteracting the effects of poison, disease, etc.</p>

**in- (changes to il-, im-, ir-, ig-)**


The prefix in- changes spelling primarily to make words easier to say. To remember the different spellings use this mnemonic device:

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<p><b>L</b></p>	<p>Use il- when the stem begins with "l."</p>		<p>illegal not legal</p>
<p><b>M</b></p>	<p>Use im- when the stem begins with "m," "p," or "b."</p>		<p>immortal not subject to death</p>
<p><b>N</b></p>	<p>In' can change to il-, im-, ir-, and ig-.</p>		<p>inactive not much physical activity</p>
<p><b>R</b></p>	<p>Use ir- when the stem begins with "r."</p>		<p>irrigate put water on</p>
<p><b>G</b></p>	<p>Use ig- only before stems beginning with "n."</p>		<p>ignore not paying attention to</p>



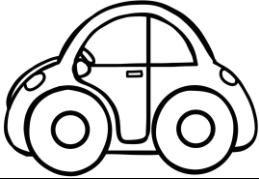
**for-**

<b>forbid</b>		to give orders that prevent or prohibit


**counter-**

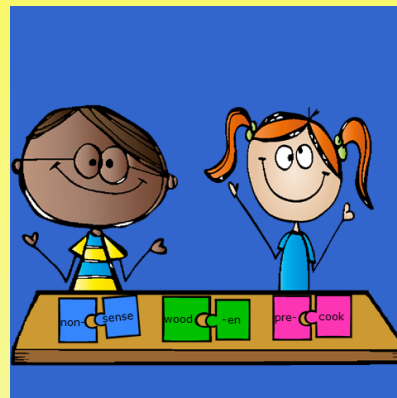
<b>counteract</b>		to overcome or lessen the effect of through opposition or opposite action

de-

<b>decrease</b>		to cause to become less

dis-

<b>disappear</b>		to be no longer seen



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