

PREFIX 'un'



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- 1) Look at each word and say it out loud
- 2) Cover the word up
- 3) Write the word
- 4) Check you have got the word right
- 5) Do it again if you have got it wrong

Word with prefix	How many syllables?	1 st syllable	2nd syllable	3rd syllable	4th syllable	5th syllable
unhappy	3	un	hap	py		
unfair	2	un	fair			
unknown	2	un	known			
unusual	4	un	u	su	al	
uncomfortable	5	un	com	for	ta	ble
unimportant	4	un	im	por	tant	
unfriendly	3	un	friend	ly		
unsafe	2	un	safe			

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Read these words and their meanings

Word	Meaning
happy	feeling good inside
fair	kind and equal way to do things
known	when people understand something or someone
usual	something that happens often or is normal for you
comfortable	feeling relaxed inside and outside the body
important	something really matters
friendly	acting in a nice and kind way
safe	not dangerous

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Match up the prefix 'un' words to their meanings

Word with prefix 'un'	Meaning
unhappy	something that does not happen often or is not normal for you
unfair	something that doesn't really matter
unknown	dangerous
unusual	not a kind or equal way to do things
uncomfortable	not acting in a nice and kind way
unimportant	not feeling good inside
unfriendly	when people do not understand something or someone
unsafe	not feeling relaxed inside and outside the body

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Put in the missing prefix 'un' words

(Don't look at the other sheets until you have tried to do all the questions)

- 1) The boy seemed and I thought he was going to cry.
- 2) It was that I was left out of the game just because my trainers looked old and worn.
- 3) She was an person who nobody had seen before.
- 4) My mum has an car because it is painted in three colours.
- 5) She didn't want to sit on the chair as it hurt her back.
- 6) The children thought it to do their homework but their parents made them do it anyway.
- 7) He was an person and would never say hello.
- 8) His bike was because the tyres were worn thin.

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Answers

- 1) The boy seemed **unhappy** and I thought he was going to cry.
- 2) It was **unfair** that I was left out of the game just because my trainers looked old and worn.
- 3) She was an **unknown** person who nobody had seen before.
- 4) My mum has an **unusual** car because it is painted in three colours.
- 5) She didn't want to sit on the **uncomfortable** chair as it hurt her back.
- 6) The children thought it **unimportant** to do their homework but their parents made them do it anyway.
- 7) He was an **unfriendly** person and would never say hello.
- 8) His bike was **unsafe** because the tyres were worn thin.

