Prefixes

A prefix goes at the beginning of a word and changes its meaning. There are a number of different prefixes.

Task One.

The prefix un-

This prefix is used to make opposites.

Make these words opposites by adding un-

- 1. happy
- 2. safe
- 3. healthy
- 4. pleasant
- 5. easy
- 6. truthful
- 7. tidy
- 8. lucky

Task Two.

Using the words you have created in task one, copy and complete these sentences.

- 1. A person who tells lies is
- 2. A classroom that is not neat is
- 3. A person that worries a lot is
- 4. Someone who is miserable is
- 5. Something that is not nice to look at is
- 6. A person who doesn't feel well is

- 7. To walk under a ladder is considered
- 8. Bare wires sticking out from a plug are

Task Three.

The prefix dis-

This is usually used to show a reversal in an action or state.

Make new words by adding dis-

- 1. appear
- 2. loyal
- 3. array
- 4. agree
- 5. continue
- 6. infect

Task Four.

Use a dictionary to look up the words you have found in task three and write down a brief definition in your book.

For example: Dishonour means to treat without honour.