



Dear Parents,

We work with words at school every day. Your child is learning more words, learning to read and spell them, and learning what they mean. Prefixes, word parts that are added to the beginning of some words or roots, play an important role in these experiences. In this activity, your child explores the impact a prefix has on altering meaning.

Write an answer for each clue by adding or removing a prefix for each underlined word.
Change—

1. a common occurrence to mean a rare one. _____
2. a nonfiction book to mean a make-believe one. _____
3. a complete assignment to mean one that is partially finished. _____
4. legible handwriting to mean writing that cannot be easily read. _____
5. colored socks to mean stained ones. _____
6. rational thinking to mean bizarre, absurd thinking. _____
7. a possibility of rain to mean no chance of rain. _____
8. reading a story to mean reading it again. _____
9. a single-grain bread to mean bread made of many grains. _____
10. midnight to mean anytime after dark. _____
11. a star performer to mean one of the greatest performers. _____
12. a word spelled accurately to mean one that is not. _____
13. a person who is agreeable to mean one who is contrary and obstinate. _____
14. an annual publication to mean one that is published two times a year. _____
15. an impolite response to mean one that is kind and appropriate. _____
16. an irresponsible act to mean one that is moral and upstanding. _____