

Prefixes

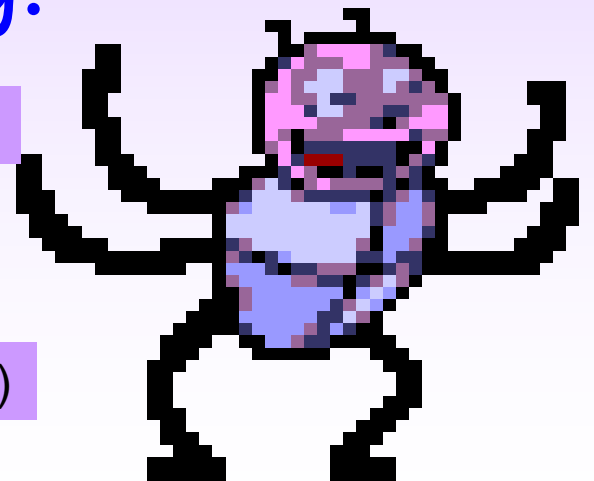
What Are Prefixes?

- A prefix is a group of letters we add to the front of a word.
- Prefixes change the meaning or purpose of the word, e.g.

How has the word meaning been altered?

un + kind = unkind

The word has become its opposite meaning (antonym)



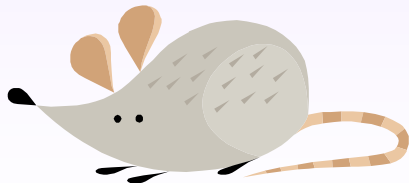
The prefix 'un'

- My mum was unwell at the weekend with a bad cold.



The prefix 'un'

- Jerry seemed unhappy that the cat was by his hole.



The prefix 'dis'

- Sally disagreed with Tom over who threw the snowball.

How has the word meaning been altered with this prefix?

agree-----disagree



Again the word has become an antonym (opposite) of the root word.

The prefix 'dis'

- Can you disable the alarm?



Is it 'un' or 'dis'?

unwell

discharge

unfit

uncover

disagree

disobey

disappear

disapprove

disbelief

The Hippocrump

by

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Along the valleys of the Ump gallops the
fearful Hippocrump.

His hide is leathery and thick;

His eyelids open with a click!

His mouth he closes with a clack!

He has three humps upon his back;

On each of these there grows a score of
horny spikes, and sometimes more.

His hair is curly, thick and brown;

Beneath his chin a beard hangs down.

He has eight feet with hideous claws;

His neck is long – and O his jaws!

The boldest falters in his tracks to hear
those hundred teeth go clack!

The Hippocrump is fierce indeed,

But if he eats the baneful weed that grows
beside the Purple lake,

His hundred teeth begin to ache.

Then how the creature stamps and roars
along the Ump's resounding shores!

The drowsy cattle faint with fright;

The birds fall flat, the fish turn white.

Even the rocks begin to shake;

The children in their beds awake;

The old ones quiver, quail and quake.

“Alas!” they cry. “make no mistake, it is
HIMSELF – he’s got the ache from eating
by the Purple Lake!”

Some say, “It is Old You-Know who he’s in a
rage: what shall we do?”

Lock up the barns, protect the stores,

Bring all the pigs and sheep indoors!”

They call upon their God, Agw-ump

To save them from the Hippocrump.

What's that I hear go hop-skip-jump?

He's coming! Stand aside there! BUMP!

LUMP-LUMP! – “He's on the bridge now!”

LUMP! – “I hear his tail” –

Ker-flump, Ker-flump!

“I see the prickles on his hump” –

it is, it IS – the Hippocrump!

Defend us now, O great Agw-ump”

Thus prayed the dwellers by the Ump
Their prayer was heard. A broken stomp
Caught the intruder on the rump.
He slipped into the foaming river,
Whose icy water quenched his fever,
Then while the creature floundering lay,
The timid people ran away.
And when the morrow dawned serene
The hippocrump was no more seen.
Glad hymns of joy the people raised
“For ever Great Agw-ump be praised”

Task

- What does 'The Hippocrump' poem tell you about the HC, its appearance, habitat and diet?
- Print off the worksheet and draw your own Hippocrump. Annotate it with noun phrases to describe the HC.