

STUDY REFERENCE

GRAMMAR Words of advice

Language Summary

Prefixes

dis, un

- You can **reverse** or **make the opposite** of an action by putting **dis-** or **un-** at the beginning of the verb.

agree → **disagree**

*Some people may **disagree** with me.*

appear → **disappear**

*We all know how quickly time **disappears** in an exam.*

like → **dislike**

*I **dislike** exams as much as you do.*

do → **undo**

*You'll **undo** all the good work you've already done.*

pack → **unpack**

*I **unpacked** my bags when I got home from my vacation.*

lock → **unlock**

*She got out her key, **unlocked** the door, and went inside.*

re-

- You can add the meaning **again** to an action by putting **re-** at the beginning of the verb.

take → **retake**

*You'll have to **retake** your exam next year.*

do → **redo**

*I had to **redo** my work.*



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over

- You can add the meaning **too much** to an action by putting **over-** at the beginning of the verb.

work → **overwork**

*Don't **overwork** yourself, or you'll get too tired.*

sleep → **oversleep**

*If you **oversleep**, you might miss the exam.*

under-

- You can add the meaning **too little** to an action by putting **under-** at the beginning of the verb.

estimate → **underestimate**

*Don't **underestimate** the importance of this.*

cook → **undercook**

*I don't like eating there, because they always **undercook** the food.*

mis-

- You can add the meaning **badly** or **incorrectly** to an action by putting **mis-** at the beginning of the verb.

read → **misread**

*Don't be in such a hurry that you **misread** the questions.*

understand → **misunderstand**

*Take your time so you don't **misunderstand** what to do.*

