

# Prefix Collecting

**Purpose:** Students will increase their knowledge of prefixes and words using prefixes. They will also practice using the dictionary.

**Materials:** Prefix Collection Chart (attached), textbook(s) or other classroom books, writing utensils, and dictionaries

**Activity:**

1. Explain to students that they are going to start a prefix collection. You might want to preface this with a general discussion of different things that students collect in order to build their interest.
2. Have each student take out a writing utensil and ask him or her to choose a textbook or library/classroom book to use for the activity.
3. Pass out copies of the Prefix Collection Chart.
4. Give students time to flip through their books looking for words that contain prefixes from the list. Have students write the words in the space next to the prefix on the list.
5. When they are done collecting their words (you may choose to set a time limit or require a certain number of words), have students look up each word in the dictionary and write the definition on the paper. You may even require them to write a sentence using the word.
6. When all students have completed the task, come together as a group and share your words. Have students explain which words they like best, and why. See if students found more words containing specific prefixes. If students wrote sentences with their words, invite them to share a few with the class.
7. If the words students collected are new words, encourage them to keep the lists in their desks and make a tally mark each time they encounter the words again while they are reading.

*You can record an individual student's understanding of this activity by checking the appropriate column for level of mastery and noting the date on which the activity took place.*

Student's Name	<u>Developed</u> ***	<u>Developing</u> **	<u>Minimal</u> *	Date

\*\*\* Student identifies words that contain prefixes and can define them.

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\* Student can identify words that contain prefixes with assistance.

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<u>Prefix</u>	<u>Word(s)</u>	<u>Definition(s)</u>
de-		
dis-		
in-		
im-		
mis-		
pre-		
re-		
sub-		
un-		