

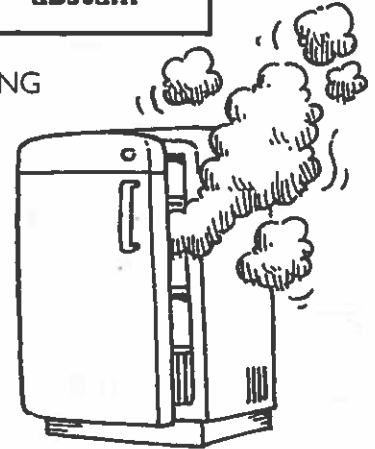
Prefixes *retro-*, *ir-*, *mal-*, *inter-*, *ab-*

retroactive	irresponsible	malfunction	intersection	abduct
retrospective	irrational	malformed	interpose	abstain

A **PREFIX** IS A WORD PART THAT HAS BEEN ADDED TO THE BEGINNING OF A WORD AND CHANGES THE WORD'S MEANING.

- retro-* means "backward"
- ir-* means "not"
- mal-* means "bad"
- inter-* means "between"
- ab-* means "from"

If something **malfunctions**, it doesn't work.



A law that is **retroactive** applies to events before the law was passed.

A **retrospective** is a survey of past experiences.

If you are **irresponsible**, you are not responsible.

When someone is **irrational**, that person is not thinking clearly.

Malformed means "poorly shaped." / An **intersection** is where one thing crosses another.

To **interpose** means "to come between things." / **Abduct** means "carry off by force."

If you **abstain** from something, you do without it.

A. Read the words in each row. Write a vocabulary word that means almost the same thing.

1. unreliable, untrustworthy _____
2. refrain, forego _____
3. intervene, insert _____
4. distorted, misshapen _____
5. seize, kidnap _____
6. illogical, unreasonable _____

B. Add the correct prefix to each word to form a new word. Use the meaning clue in parentheses to help you.

1. (backward) _____ active
2. (between) _____ section
3. (bad) _____ function
4. (backward) _____ spective

Word Meaning

Match each spelling word to its meaning.

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|----------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| _____ 1. careless | a. entertainment |
| _____ 2. arrangement | b. not paying enough attention |
| _____ 3. excitement | c. to be afraid of nothing |
| _____ 4. amusement | d. marvelous |
| _____ 5. fearless | e. an excited condition |
| _____ 6. predicament | f. an unpleasant or difficult situation |
| _____ 7. reckless | g. a penalty for doing something wrong |
| _____ 8. punishment | h. good-for-nothing |
| _____ 9. successful | i. to be rash or careless |
| _____ 10. worthless | j. using or spending too much |
| _____ 11. thoughtful | k. considerate |
| _____ 12. wonderful | l. the way in which things are organized |
| _____ 13. government | m. the ruling of a country, state, or city |
| _____ 14. wasteful | n. having success |

My Snellina Dictation

Write two sentences using four of this week's spelling words.

1. _____

2. _____
