PREFIXES

2 WORKSHEETS ARE INCLUDED (WITH ANSWERS)
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A prefix is one or more letters, added to the beginning of a word, that change its meaning.

The hockey players packed their suitcases before they went on the trip.

The hockey team’s trip was cancelled, so the players went home and unpacked their suitcases.

When the trip was scheduled again, the players repacked their suitcases.

According to the sentence, what does UNPACKED mean? _____________________________

What does REPACKED mean? _________________________________________________

Which prefix means not or to do the opposite of? ________________

Which prefix means to do again? ________________

Write each word in a sentence, then write the definition, of the word, below it.

Example: reopen - Please reopen the porch door so the dog can go outside.
Reopen means to open the door again.

1. reheat_________________________________________
   What does reheat mean? ________________________________

2. unreliable_____________________________________
   What does unreliable mean? __________________________
1. Joe and Jerry _______________ the old house with new furniture.

2. Mike couldn’t wait to _______________ his birthday gift from his brother.

3. After the flood, many of the roads had to be _______________.

4. Before the town fixed the damaged roads, it was very _______________ to drive on them.

5. Mr. McDuff always had difficulty _______________ his old leather belt when he tried to remove it.

6. Mary was _______________ of how to complete the book report.

7. The scouts were _______________ to reach their destination before sunset.

8. In order to enter the building, the boys had to _______________ the front door.

9. When the cougar was trapped by environmentalists, they had to _______________ it to another area.

10. Our jet had to _______________ in England before it continued its flight to Rome.

11. The city council decided to _______________ the highway to Interstate 95.

12. The boys fell from a ledge on a mountain and fortunately were _______________.

Add the prefix UN or RE to the words in the box to complete the sentences. You can add endings to the words.

paved able fuel wrap
named sure harmed buckling
lock locate safe furnish

resell______________________________

What does resell mean? ________________________________

uncertain______________________________

What does uncertain mean? ________________________________
MORE PREFIXES

Think of more words with RE- and UN-. Write them on the lines.
Be sure to know the meanings of the words you choose.

REDECORATE

UNPREPARED

RE_________________________
RE_________________________
RE_________________________
RE_________________________

UN_________________________
UN_________________________
UN_________________________
UN_________________________
My suggestions...

Before doing the worksheets, review what prefixes are. Brainstorm for examples and write them on the board. Ask your students to explain how the prefixes change the meanings of the words. When they do the third worksheet, I let them use dictionaries to find other words. I explain that they have to know the meanings of the words if they're going to list them on the sheet. When they're finished with that sheet, they can work in small groups to share their words and see if they know the meanings of their friends' words.

ANSWERS

According to the sentences, what does UNPACKED mean? do the opposite of pack, remove something
What does REPACKED mean? to do again, pack again
Which prefix means not or to do the opposite of? UN
Which prefix means to do again? RE

reheat (sentence) ANSWERS WILL VARY
What does reheat mean? heat again
unreliable (sentence) ANSWERS WILL VARY
What does unreliable mean? not reliable, can't rely on something

1. Joe and Jerry ______refurnished____ the old house with new furniture.
2. Mike couldn't wait to ______unwrap_____ his birthday gift from his brother.
3. After the flood, many of the roads had to be ___repaved___.
4. Before the town fixed the damaged roads, it was very ___unsafe____ to drive on them.
5. Mr. McDuff always had difficulty _____unbuckling_____ his old leather belt when he tried to remove it.
6. Mary was ___unsure___ of how to complete the book report.
7. The scouts were _____unable_____ to reach their destination before sunset.
8. In order to enter the building, the boys had to _____unlock____ the front door.
9. When the cougar was trapped by environmentalists they had to _____relocate____ it to another area.
10. Our jet had to _____refuel_____ in England before it continued its flight to Rome.
11. The city council decided to ___rename____ the highway to Interstate 95.
12. The boys fell from a ledge on a mountain and fortunately were _____unharmed__.

Sentences will vary.

resell - sell again
uncertain - not certain or sure about something.