

Support for English Learners

Unit 23, page 150: Prefixes: dis-, ex-, inter-

Some students may not understand that adding a prefix adds meaning to a base word or word root.

Listen

Say: *Remember that a prefix is a word part added to the beginning of a base word or a word root, and that it adds meaning. Let's listen to the Basic Word disobey. Say dis- with emphasis, pause, and say obey. Then say disobey. Say: The word disobey is made up of the base word obey and the prefix dis-*

Continue with Basic Words *extend* and *interview* and the prefixes *ex-* and *inter-*.

Speak and Read

Say: *Let's practice saying the Basic Words disobey, extend, and interview together. Say disobey, extend, and interview aloud, modeling the pronunciation of each word. Have students repeat after you.*

Write *disobey*, *extend*, and *interview* on the board and ask a volunteer to circle the prefix in each word. Explain the meanings of the prefixes: *dis-* ("opposite of," "not," or "away"), *ex-* ("out" or "out of"), and *inter-* ("between," "among," or "together"). For each word on the board, have students read aloud the circled prefix, the base word or word root, and the whole Basic Word.

Spell

Beginning/Preproduction Provide each student with a set of word cards for *dispute*, *exclaim*, and *interact*. Say: *I am thinking of a Basic Word that has the prefix dis-*. Have students hold up the appropriate card and say the correct word. Ask students to write the word in their word-study notebooks. Repeat for the remaining words.

Early Production/Speech Emergent Write on the board the Basic Words *discount*, *interstate*, *extreme*, *dissolve*, *exactly*, and *interact*. Have students write these words in their word-study notebooks and circle the prefix in each word. Then ask individual students to pronounce and spell one word and identify its prefix.

Intermediate/Advanced Write on the board the Basic Words *exclaim*, *Internet*, *explanation*, *distress*, *expensive*, and *dispute*. Have students copy the words into their word-study notebooks. Then have them sort and write the words in columns by prefix.

dispute

exclaim

interact