Base Words with Negative Prefixes un-, dis-, mis-, in-, il-, im-, ir-

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<td>connect</td>
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<td>lead</td>
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**Meaning Note:** These prefixes give the base words negative meanings: “not,” “the reverse or opposite of,” “wrongly.”

1. Write each longer word. Circle the first chunk.

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2. What can the prefix *mis-* mean? ____________________________

3. A *logical* reason makes sense. What is true of an *illogical* reason

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**Practice A**

Choose the word from the box that fits in each sentence. Write it on the line.

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1. A puppy may behave well, or it may ____. ______________________

2. Do you like spinach, or do you ____ it? ______________________

3. The ____ route is slower than the direct route. __________________

4. The sisters look like each other, but they are ____ in most ways. __________________

5. The pretest was ____, but the retest was perfect. __________________

6. Please lock the front door, and ____ the back door. __________________