

Negative Prefixes



Objective

Exploring the meaning of prefixes – building a rich vocabulary.



Equipment

- Enrich School Orienteering Map
- Orienteering Control Markers
- Activity Sheet



Preparation

- This activity involves children making different prefixes (see below), all of which have a negative meaning.
- Children could do this activity in pairs or small groups.
- Provide each pair/small group with a copy of an Activity Sheet and an Enrich School Orienteering Map.
- Explain to children how to carry out the activity.



Instructions

- Children use their Enrich School Orienteering Map to locate a series of control points.
- At each one, they select from the letters on the control marker to complete a 'negative' prefix.
- They have to match each prefix with a root word from a selection on their Activity Sheet and write the whole word (prefix plus root).
- They then have to choose a 'best fit' synonym to go with the word they have made.



Other information

- As a follow-on activity, children could look up words in their dictionaries with the same prefixes and make a list of them
- The words that they collect in this way could be used for a class collection, displayed as a poster, and used for further investigations.

Activity Sheet:

- Mis – misbehave
- Im – impolite
- Ab – abnormal
- Dis – disbelieve
- Un – unexpected
- Anti - antisocial

