

Spelling list: prefix mis-

A prefix is something you add to the beginning of a word to change its meaning. *Mis-* is a prefix of Germanic origin that means *bad* or *wrong*.

When you see the prefix *mis-* at the beginning of a word, it's a sign that whatever is being indicated in the base word is wrong or being done badly. You can use this knowledge as a clue to work out the new word's meaning. For example: *to misbehave* means *to badly behave* or *misinformation* means *wrong information*.

Can you work out what is being done wrong or badly in the words in this list? How many other *mis-* words can you think of?

misunderstanding Confusion can lead to **misunderstanding**.

mistake Mispronunciation is making a **mistake** in how you say a word.

mishap A **mishap** is a mistake.

misplace Freya was worried she would **misplace** her trumpet on the music trip.

misbehave Do not **misbehave** in class.

mislead The statement was not intended to **mislead**.

misread I **misread** my lines in the school play.

misspell Many words are easy to **misspell**.

misuse Do not **misuse** the computers in lessons.

mishear Did you **mishear** me?