The Prefix un-

Sorting Words

Can you spot what is different about these words and sort them into two groups?

tie unkind unzip happy

kind zip untie unhappy

Sorting Words

Whole Class

Did you spot that some words start with the prefix un-?

A prefix is a letter or group of letters added to the beginning of a word which changes its meaning.

How does adding un- change the meaning of these words?

tie	kind
happy	zip

unzip	untie
unhappy	unkind

Sorting Words

Whole Class

When un- is added to **adjectives** (describing words) it means 'not'.

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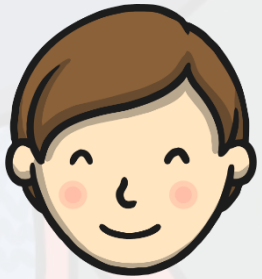
kind → **un**kind
(not kind)



happy → **un**happy
(not happy)

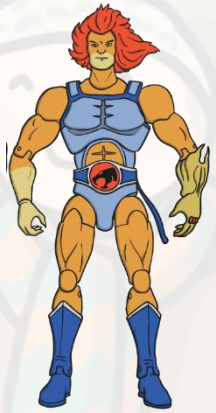
Sorting Words

Whole Class

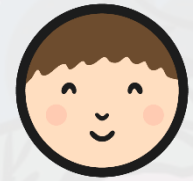
When un- is added to **verbs** (action words) it means the reverse of that action.

zip → **un**zip
(undo the zip)

used → **un**used
(not been used)



Writing un- Words



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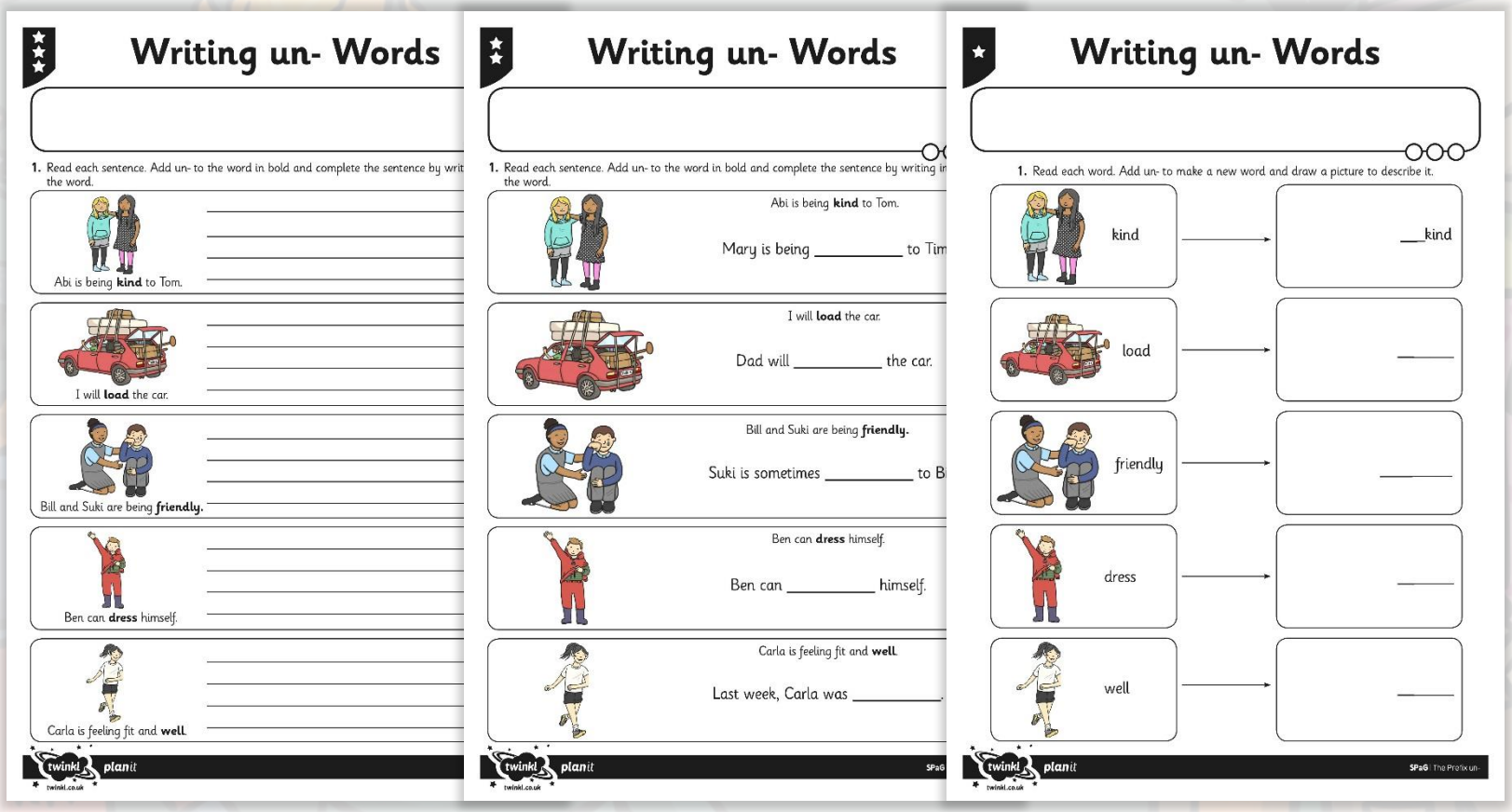

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I will **load** the car.

Bill and Suki are being **friendly.**

Ben can **dress** himself.

Carla is feeling fit and **well**.

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Writing un- Words

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Abi is being **kind** to Tom.

Mary is being _____ to Tim

I will **load** the car.

Dad will _____ the car.

Bill and Suki are being **friendly.**

Suki is sometimes _____ to B

Ben can **dress** himself.

Ben can _____ himself.

Carla is feeling fit and **well**.

Last week, Carla was _____.

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Writing un- Words

1. Read each word. Add un- to make a new word and draw a picture to describe it.

kind → ___kind

load → _____

friendly → _____

dress → _____

well → _____

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un- Quiz

Are you an expert on words starting with un-?

Listen carefully to each question and choose an answer ***a*** or ***b*** to write on your whiteboard.

Let's begin!

un- Quiz

This word means:

a. not fair

b. you can't go to the fair

un- Quiz

Answer:

a. not fair

un- Quiz

Whole Class

What do we get if we add un- to this word?

This word means:

a. fitun

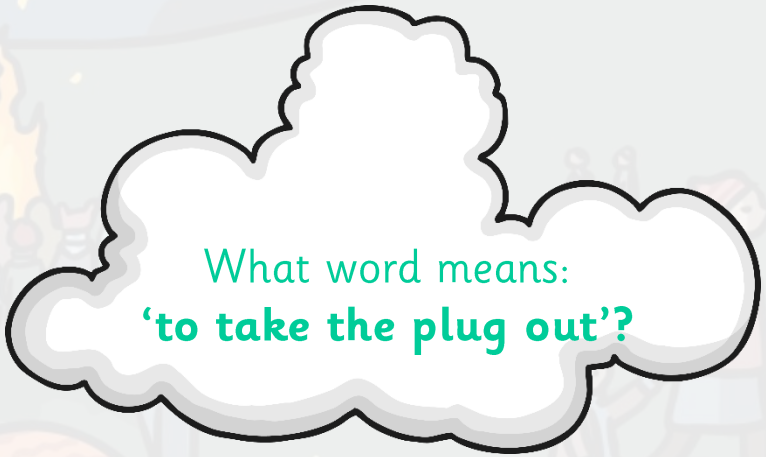
b. unfit

un- Quiz

Answer:

b. unfit – fit becomes unfit

un- Quiz

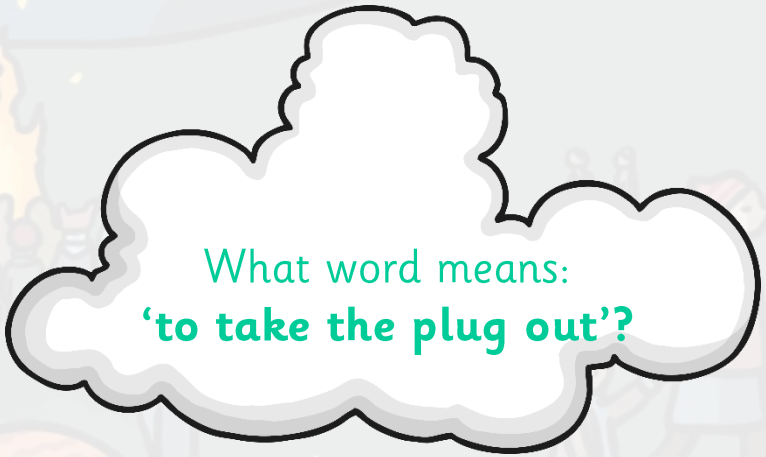


This word means:

a. unplug

b. outplug

un- Quiz



Answer:

a. Unplug means ‘to take the plug out’

un- Quiz

What is the root of this word?

a. please

b. pleasant

un- Quiz

Answer:

b. pleasant

un- Quiz

What does this word mean?

a. not tidy

b. not happy

un- Quiz

What does this word mean?

Answer:

b. not tidy (messy)