

READING REFORM FOUNDATION OF NEW YORK
VOCABULARY DEVELOPMENT
for all grades

Lesson III

The prefix un means not.

Un safe means not safe

Un ripe means not ripe.

Teacher asks: "What do the following words mean?"

Un tie means _____

Un happy means _____

Un tidy means _____

Un lock means _____

Un luck y means _____

The prefix dis means to make the opposite of the root word.

Dis please – to the opposite of please; to displease someone is to not please him

Dis trust – to distrust someone is to not trust him

Dis a gree – to disagree with someone is to not agree with him.

Teacher asks: “Who can think of a word that begins with the prefix dis.” I let students shout out the words because it gives excitement to the class but you may not want to.

Other examples: dis like, dis cov er, dis ap pear, dis or der

Review of lessons I, II, and III

Pre = before

Post = after

Un = not

Dis = the opposite of the root word