Adding the Prefix

un-

Warm-Up

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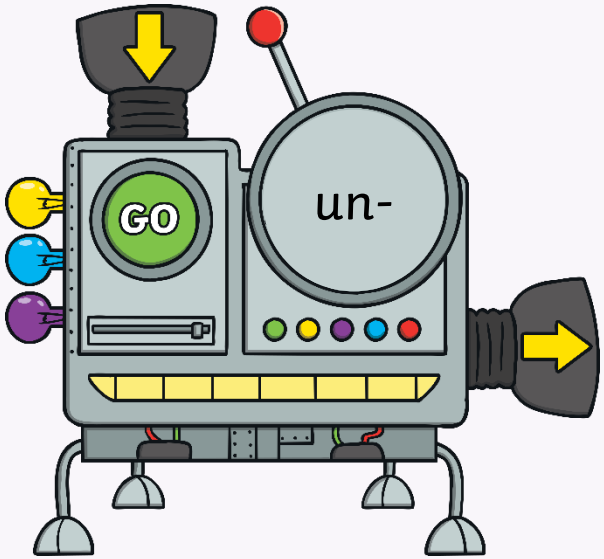
This is the **un-** machine! When the words go through the machine, it adds **un-** to the beginning of the word. Can you work out what will come out when these words are put in? Click each word to see the answer.

pleasant

true

cover

usual



How many more words can you think of that could come out of the machine?

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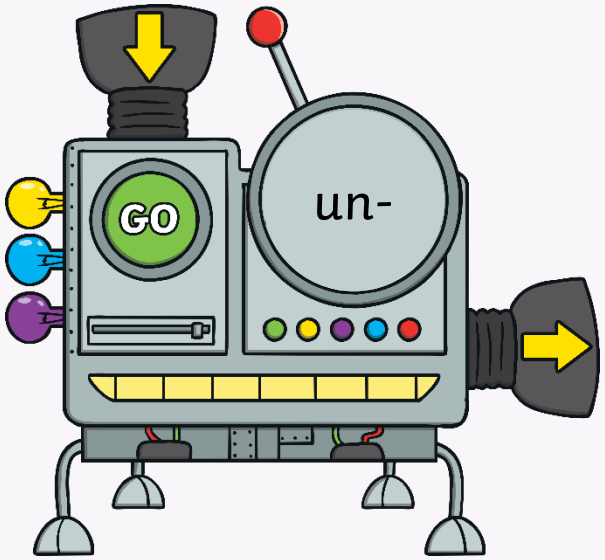
These are some more words that have come **out** of the **un-** machine. Can you work out the words that were put in? Click each word to find the answer.

clean

real

plug

knot



Can you use any of these words in a sentence?

unclean

unreal

unplug

unknot

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Can you add **un-** to the words below and use them to complete the sentences?

It is _unhealthy_ to eat too much chocolate.

I couldn't go to school because I was feeling _unwell_.

On Christmas day I can _unwrap_ my presents.

Zainab was very _unhappy_ when her football team lost.

How _unlucky_ that they were caught in the rain!

lucky well healthy happy wrap

Can you think of your own sentence with a missing **un-** word for a friend to complete?

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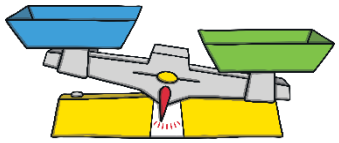
Can you match the opposite picture pairs and write the words that describe the pictures? One picture in the pair will start with **–un**.



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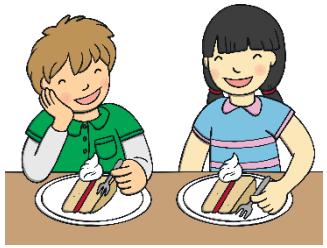

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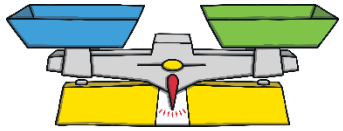

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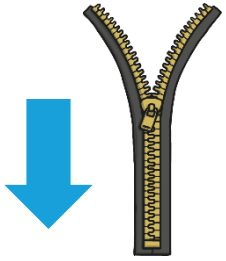
unwell



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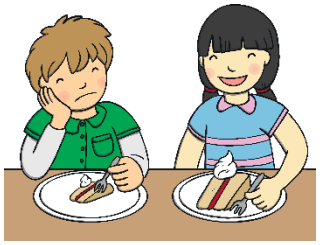

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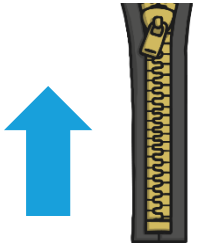

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Hide words

How many more pairs of opposite words can you think of?

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Read this story. A bad wizard has stolen un- from some words and has added it onto some words where it doesn't belong. Can you fix the blue words so that the story makes sense?

Once upon a time there lived a very unkind princess.
The princess ruled unhappily over the land.
One day a very untruthful wizard arrived in the land,
and he tried to trick everyone. He put a spell on all
the doors so that they were always unlocked. He
unblocked all the taps so that no water would
come out.

The princess said to the wizard, "Why are you being so unhelpful? I am not afraid of you!"

Show answers

Can you write what happens next in the story, using as many words beginning with **un-** as you can? Example answer: The princess **unblocked** all the drains and **unlocked** all the doors.

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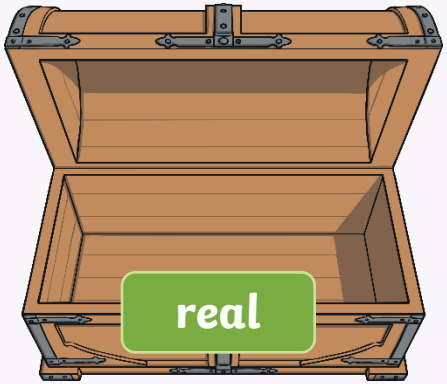
Can you sort the words on the coins into words that make **real words** when **un-** is added to the beginning and words that make **fake words** when **un-** is added to the beginning?



Can you add un- to the right words and use each one in a sentence?

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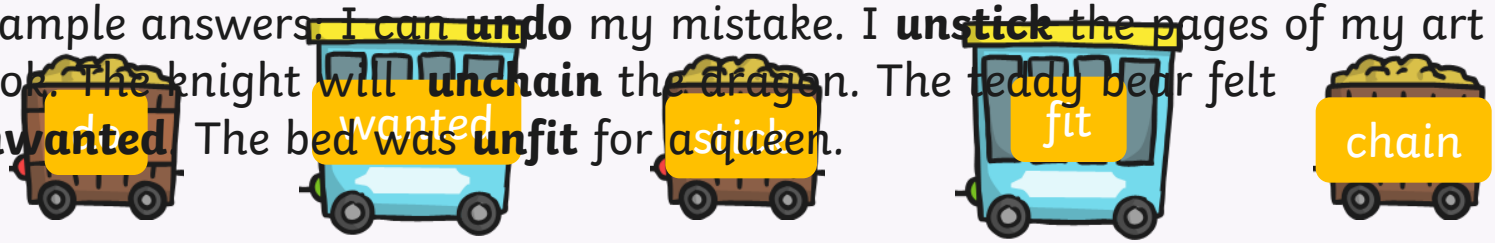
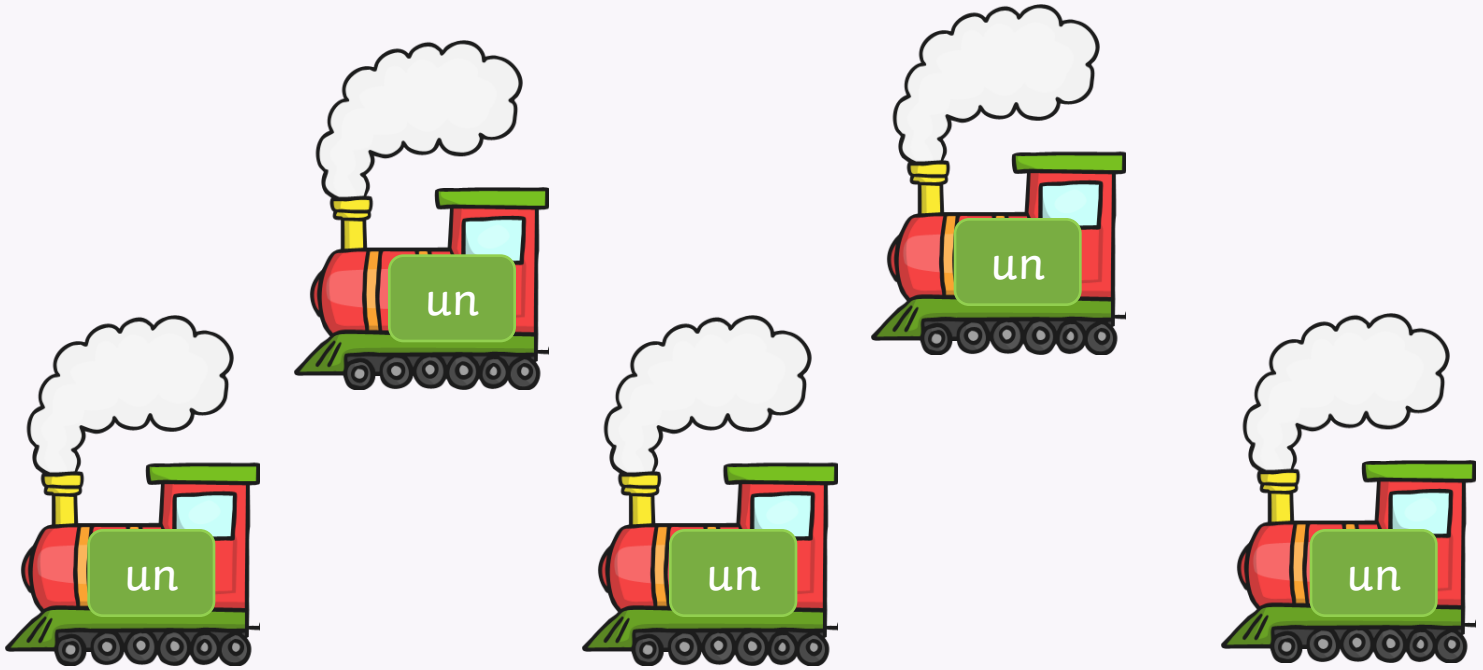
Can you put the word carriages together with the **un-** trains to make words beginning with **un-**? **Can you use each word in a sentence?**

Example answers: I can **undo** my mistake. I **unstick** the pages of my art book. The knight will **unchain** the dragon. The teddy bear felt **unwanted**. The bed was **unfit** for a queen.





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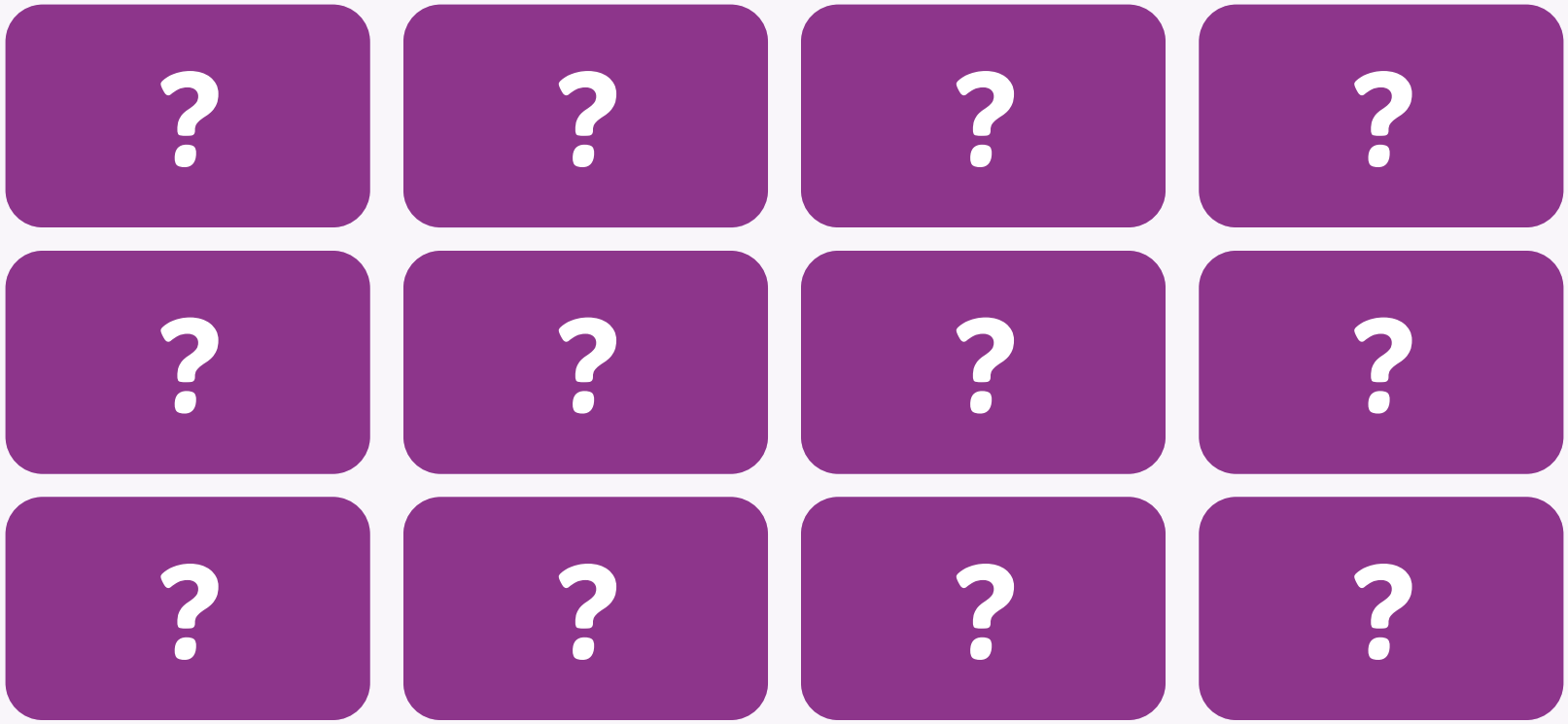
Split into two teams. Take it in turns to click on **two** cards. If you find a pair of opposites, you get a point. Whichever team has found the most pairs at the end of the game wins.



Show answers

Pairs: bolt– unbolt, load – unload, clip – unclip, ripe – unripe, known– unknown, tidy – untidy.

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