Prefixes

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prefixes: ex- mis- co- non- anti-

take freeze ordinate
lead change behave
place port fiction clockwise
tend operate

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non-
ex-
co-
anti-

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Answers may vary

This activity helps your child to recognize prefixes, a skill that will develop spelling and vocabulary. Encourage the use of a dictionary in the second exercise; this will help your child make a wide range of words out of prefixes and root words.