



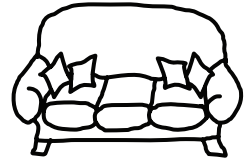
# Using a hyphen with a prefix



Generally hyphens are no longer used between prefixes and base words. However, there are some cases where a hyphen is necessary to avoid confusion.

- \* Use a hyphen with the prefix re- when it means "again" and would be confused with another word.
- \* Use hyphens with the following prefixes: self-, ex-, all- and suffixes: -elect, -odd, and -free
- \* Use hyphens when the base word is a proper noun.
- \* Use hyphens in some cases when the prefix ends in a vowel and the base word begins with the same letter or to avoid clumsy spelling that could be mistaken for other words.

example: re means again



I will ( re-cover / recover ) the sofa.

means to cover the sofa again

means to get back a normal state eg of health

Match the prefixes with the base words, write the new hyphenated words:

ex  
co  
self  
all  
de  
re

important  
elect  
wife  
owner  
assured  
emphasise

de  
co  
ex  
non  
mid  
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Write sentences using five of the words above:

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Write as many words as you can using only the letters in:

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