

Vocabulary Sunrise: Prefix uni-

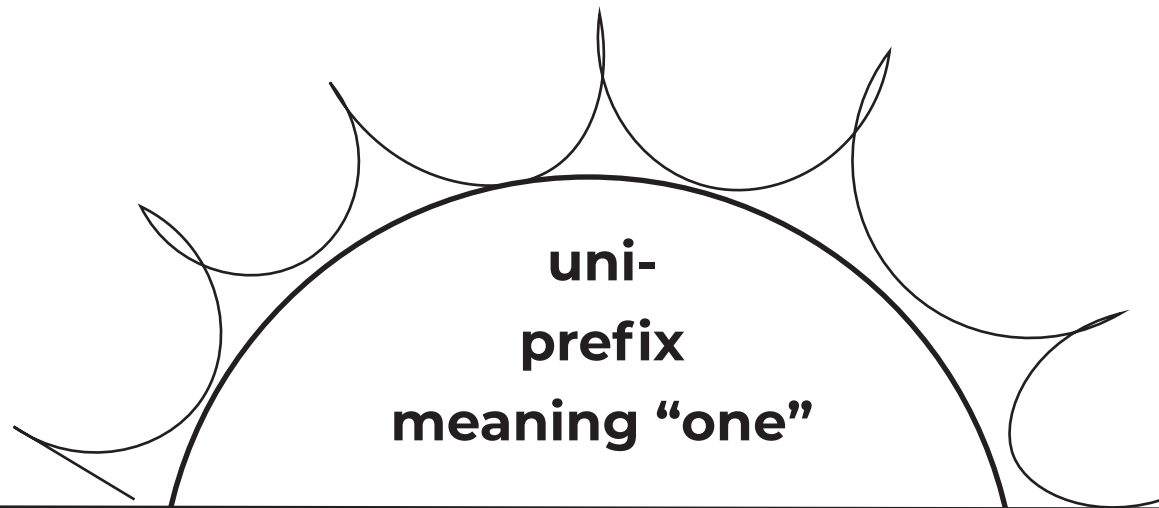
Example

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Make half page copies of the Example page. Give students their own copy for reference. Have them record how the idea of 'one' comes into the meaning of each word.

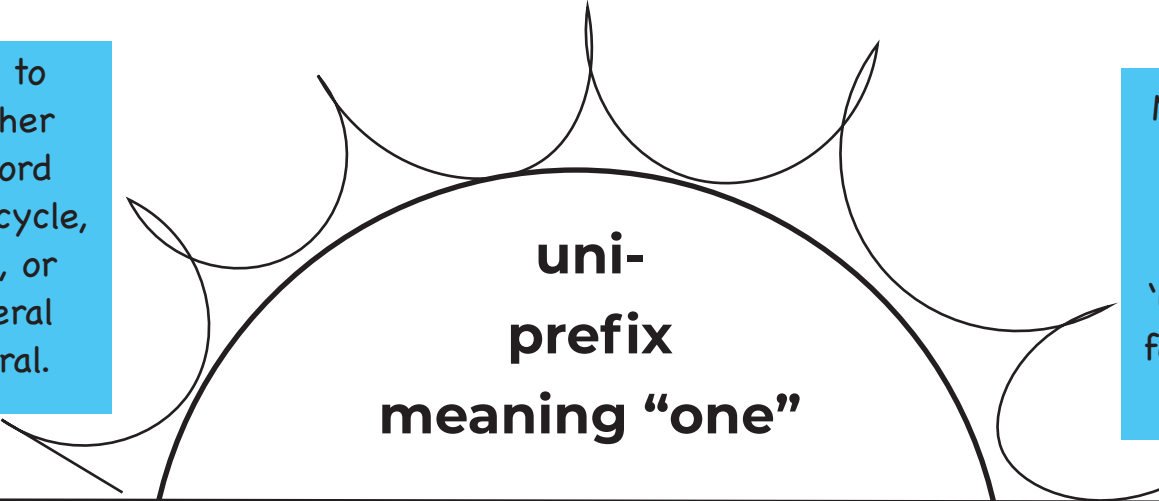
Search online for more words that have the prefix uni- meaning one.

Make a large copy of the handout to use as a class project. Invite students to post uni-words around the sunrise with sticky notes. **Unite** your class to determine how the prefix uni- adds to the word's meaning.

You may want to let your students know that other languages with classic roots share this prefix. In Spanish and Italian the number one is 'uno.'

Give your students sticky notes to record words with the prefix uni- as they appear in their reading.

Encourage students to replace uni- with other prefixes to adapt word meaning. Compare unicycle, bicycle, and tricycle, or unilateral with bilateral and even quadrilateral.



Make connections with academic vocabulary from other subjects. In math for example, 'unit fraction' is a term for a number with 'one' in the numerator.

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Teacher Tips

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