

Fears and Phobias

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Vocabulary

activate – to activate something means to cause it to start working.

trigger – to trigger something means to cause it to begin.

turbulence – in flying, turbulence is an interruption in the flow of wind that causes planes to rise, fall, or sway in a rough way.

immaturity – immaturity is the state of not being fully developed or grown.

Vocabulary Strategy: Prefixes That Mean "Not"

A **prefix** is a word that appears at the beginning of a base word to form a new word. Many prefixes that mean "not" come from Latin, the language of ancient Rome. One example is the vocabulary word *immaturity* (*im* + *maturity*). To figure out the meaning of a word that contains a prefix and a base word, follow these steps.

- Think of the meaning of each word part separately.
- Use this information as well as context clues to define the word.

Prefix	Meaning	Prefix	Meaning
in-	not; in	non-	not
mis-	not; incorrectly	un-	not; opposite of