

Lesson
7**Prefixes and Base Words**

Teaching

You can use your knowledge of different word parts to figure out the meaning of many unfamiliar words. A **base word** is a complete word that can stand alone. A **prefix** is a word part that appears at the beginning of a base word to form a new word. For example, consider the word *prehistoric*.

The prefix *pre-* means "before."

The base word *historic* means "based on events in history."

pre + historic = prehistoric

When the word parts are combined, *prehistoric* means "before recorded history."

The chart below lists eight common prefixes.

Prefix	Meaning	Example
<i>pre-</i>	before	prepay
<i>post-</i>	after, later	postdate
<i>inter-</i>	among, between	interconnect
<i>intra-</i>	within	intramuscular
<i>re-</i>	back, again	reappear
<i>sub-</i>	under	subhuman
<i>super-</i>	above, beyond	superpower
<i>trans-</i>	across	transplant

A. Identifying Prefixes and Base Words

Add a prefix to each base word to create a word with the meaning shown. Then write a paragraph using each new word on a separate sheet of paper. Be creative.

EXAMPLE *superhuman*; beyond normal human ability

She used superhuman powers to lift the car off the boy's leg.

- _____ state; within the boundaries of a state
- _____ marine; a vehicle that operates under water
- _____ script; a note at the end of a letter after the writer's signature
- _____ school; education that comes before kindergarten
- _____ construct; to build again
- _____ continental; crossing a continent
- _____ liner; a passenger ship or train that is above others in quality and accomodation
- _____ planetary; occurring between planets
- _____ judge; to form an opinion beforehand
- _____ way; an underground tunnel or passage

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Prefixes: *pre-, post-, inter-, intra-, re-, sub-, super-, trans-*

Underline ten examples in the passage that begin with the prefixes listed above. Write the prefix and base word of each example. Then define each example using what you know about prefixes and base words. Use a dictionary to check your answers.

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1. prefix: _____ base word: _____ meaning: _____
2. prefix: _____ base word: _____ meaning: _____
3. prefix: _____ base word: _____ meaning: _____
4. prefix: _____ base word: _____ meaning: _____
5. prefix: _____ base word: _____ meaning: _____
6. prefix: _____ base word: _____ meaning: _____
7. prefix: _____ base word: _____ meaning: _____
8. prefix: _____ base word: _____ meaning: _____
9. prefix: _____ base word: _____ meaning: _____
10. prefix: _____ base word: _____ meaning: _____

C. Vocabulary Challenge

For each prefix below, provide three different base words. Then write a sentence using one of the new words. Use a dictionary if necessary.

EXAMPLE *sub- zero, title, culture*

Most people would not be able to survive the Arctic's sub-zero temperatures.

1. *pre-* _____, _____, _____

2. *inter-* _____, _____, _____

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re + double = <u>re</u> double	con + quest = <u>con</u> quest
re + commend = <u>re</u> commend	con + sequence = <u>con</u> sequence
de + serve = <u>de</u> serve	sub + urban = <u>sub</u> urban
de + part = <u>de</u> part	sub + division = <u>sub</u> division
ad + join = <u>ad</u> join	pre + diction = <u>pre</u> diction
ad + minister = <u>ad</u> minister	pre + caution = <u>pre</u> caution
ex + act = <u>ex</u> act	per + cent = <u>per</u> cent
ex + claim = <u>ex</u> claim	per + form = <u>per</u> form
in + dent = <u>in</u> dent	pro + pose = <u>pro</u> pose
in + stall = <u>in</u> stall	pro + long = <u>pro</u> long

Lesson Generalization: A prefix is a group of letters added to the beginning of a word to make a word with a different meaning. You can add a prefix directly to a base word to form a new word with a different meaning. The spelling of the base word does not change when you add a prefix.

A. Answer the following questions on the lines provided.

1. In the first column of the word list, what five prefixes have been added to base words?

Write the words from the first column.

2. In the second column of the word list, what five prefixes have been added to base words?

Write the words from the second column.

B. Choose eight words from the list above. Scramble the letters of each word and give them to a partner to solve. You unscramble your partner's words.

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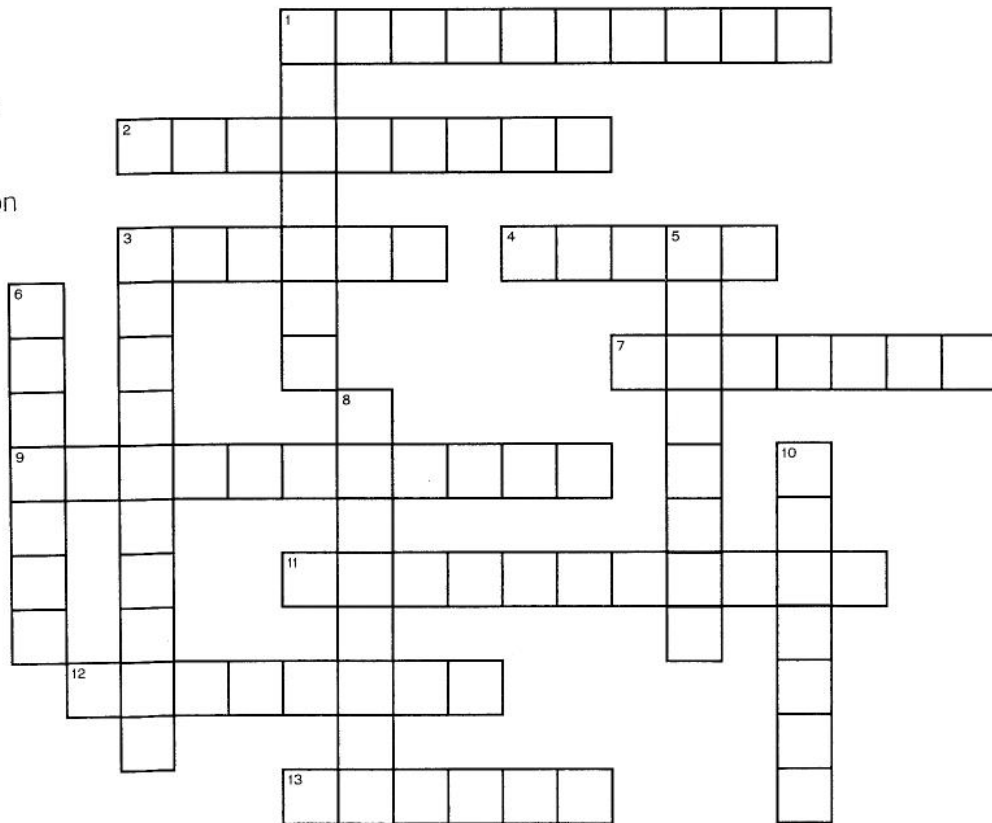
More Practice

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|--------------|---------------|-----------------|----------------|
| 1. redouble | 6. administer | 11. conquest | 16. precaution |
| 2. recommend | 7. exact | 12. consequence | 17. percent |
| 3. deserve | 8. exclaim | 13. suburban | 18. perform |
| 4. depart | 9. indent | 14. subdivision | 19. propose |
| 5. adjoin | 10. install | 15. prediction | 20. prolong |

A. Complete the crossword puzzle with words from the spelling list. Each clue defines a different spelling word.

Across

- 1. a foretelling
- 2. to offer advice
- 3. to attach to
- 4. precisely correct
- 7. to fix in position
- 9. result of an action



- 11. an area of land divided into smaller lots
- 12. to double again
- 13. move in from the margin

Down

- 1. to lengthen in time
- 3. to manage or direct
- 5. a victory
- 6. a part of one hundred
- 8. located in a suburb
- 10. to suggest

B. On a separate sheet of paper write a paragraph that includes at least eight spelling words. Five must be those that were not used in the crossword puzzle above. Have fun with your writing—the paragraph need not be realistic.