

KS2 English Quiz - Prefixes (Questions)

This KS2 English quiz challenges you on prefixes. Prefixes are letters placed in front of words. A prefix is a part of a word which comes before a root word, changing its meaning. 'Exhibit', 'expand' and 'extend' all have the prefix 'ex-', which means 'out'. Knowing prefixes can help you to work out the meaning of words you've never seen.

Some prefixes are words in their own right such as 'over'. This little word can be added to lots of other words to create new words. Some examples are overweight, overpriced and overcook. Can you think of any more?

Test your knowledge with this English quiz.

1. The prefix 'un-' (as in 'unhappy') means



- ready
- before
- not
- nearly

2. The prefix 'semi-' (as in 'semicircle') means



- quarter
- half
- two
- three

3. The prefix 'tri-' (as in 'triangle') means



- quarter
- half
- two
- three

4. The prefix 'mis-' (as in 'mistake') means



- under
- over
- correctly
- wrongly

5. The prefix 'sub-' (as in 'subway') means



- under
- over
- around
- behind

6. The prefix 'inter-' (as in 'international') means



- enter
- between
- around
- over

7. The prefix 'fore-' (as in 'forehead') means



- invisible
- after
- behind
- in front or before

8. The prefix 'anti-' (as in 'antibiotic') means



- assisting
- medicinal
- against
- not

9. The prefix 'pre-' (as in 'prehistoric') means



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- before
- after
- above

10. The prefix 'dis-' (as in 'disagree') means



- to frighten
- to spoil
- to overturn
- to remove or reverse

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Other words beginning with the prefix 'un-' include: unlucky, unplug and unpack.

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Other words beginning with the prefix 'semi-' include: semifinal, semicolon and semiquaver.

3. The prefix 'tri-' (as in 'triangle') means



- quarter
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Other words beginning with the prefix 'tri-' include: triathlon, triplet and tricycle.

4. The prefix 'mis-' (as in 'mistake') means



- under
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Other words beginning with the prefix 'mis-' include: misbehave, misadvise and misfit.

5. The prefix 'sub-' (as in 'subway') means



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Other words beginning with the prefix 'sub-' include: submarine, subatomic and submit.

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Other words beginning with the prefix 'inter-' include: interact, interchange and interrupt.

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Other words beginning with the prefix 'fore-' include: forecast, foresee and forearm.

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- assisting
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Other words beginning with the prefix 'anti-' include: anti-bacterial, anticlockwise and anti-gravity.

9. The prefix 'pre-' (as in 'prehistoric') means



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Other words beginning with the prefix 'pre-' include: preview, prepare and prefix.

10. The prefix 'dis-' (as in 'disagree') means



- to frighten
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Other words beginning with the prefix 'dis-' include: disappoint, disappear and disgrace.