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Word Skills

Prefixes

I can use and understand a range of prefixes.



James Cameron is one of Hollywood's most successful directors. His 1 -award winning films include The Terminator, Titanic and Avatar. When he isn't directing, he works as a scientist and explores the deepest parts of the ocean in a marine. But he 3 achieved as a physics student, leaving university without a degree. After working as a lorry driver, he then worked in special effects before becoming a director. Some 4_ _-colleagues describe him as a difficult person to work with. However, others say that he is just a perfectionist who tries _manage every aspect of his films and sometimes 6 _reacts when things go wrong.

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1 Complete the text with the prefixes below.

ex micro multi over sub under

2 Complete the sentences with the prefixes below.

co mini mis multi over post re semi

1 My dad is _____-retired – he still works two or three mornings a week.

2 The company lost millions because of ____management at the highest level.

3 Six of my _____-workers have lost their jobs in the past year.

4 My last proper holiday from work was four years ago, although I've had a few _____-breaks.

5 If we can't find the right person for the job, we'll just have to -advertise.

6 She finished her university degree and then did a _____graduate qualification.

7 She never stops for lunch: she just drinks coffee and takes vitamin pills!

8 I don't want to sound _____confident, but I'm sure I'll be good at this job.

3 Complete the second sentence so that it means the same as the first. Use one word only, beginning with a prefix from exercise 1 or 2.

1 You cooked this meat for too long. You overcooked this meat.

2 Our team did not perform well enough last season.
Our team
last season.

3 I met a former school friend in a café in town.
I met an ______ in a café in town.

4 She's an expert in history after World War II.

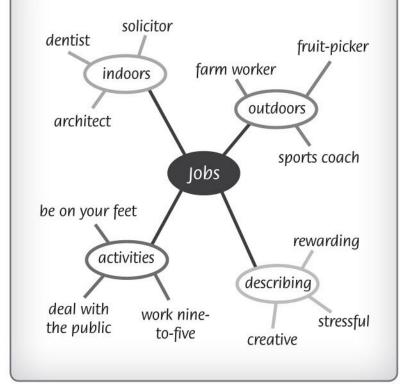
She's an expert in ______ history.

6 They bought the house, but sold it again a year later.

They bought the house, but _______ it a year later.

VOCAB BOOST!

You can use mind maps for groups of words that are connected. Mind maps are particularly useful for people who have a visual memory.



4 Read the *Vocab boost!* box. Add these words and phrases to the mind-map for jobs.

answer the phone badly-paid gardener hairdresser lorry driver paramedic programmer receptionist repetitive serve customers tiring well-paid