

# Prefixes: Part 1

Difficulty Level: ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

**Prefixes** are the beginning syllables, or part of a word that comes before the main word.

## Most Common Prefixes:

*dis*, *un*, *im*, *non*, *in*, and *ir* are the most common prefixes as they simply mean "not", or the opposite of the root words meaning.

Here are some examples:

- 1.) She always *dis*approves of my decisions.
- 2.) The timeframe for completing the project is *un*reasonable.
- 3.) Working on Saturdays is *in*convenient for me.
- 4.) Sometimes my girlfriend gets too emotional, and acts *ir*rational.

## Other Common Prefixes Include:

*Over*: (too much) I overslept.

*Mis*: (badly or wrongly) She is always misbehaving.

*Co*: (together) We are the co-owners of this company.

*De*: (do the opposite) The stock will likely be devalued in the upcoming months.

*Under*: (not enough) The company is undervalued.

Tips:

Get in the habit of learning the proper prefix for commonly used words. It's the easiest way to increase your vocabulary and advance your English level. This is an easy way to step out of baby English.

### Quiz:

**What is the best-suited prefix for each of the sentences below?**

- 1.) I have to check with upper management, but I think they will \_\_\_agree with your ideas.
- 2.) I think she is \_\_\_attainable. You might have to lower your standards.
- 3.) She is very pretty but a little bit \_\_\_ mature for her age.
- 4.) Our current project was \_\_\_ managed because we didn't have the capital to fund all the expenses.
- 5.) Some of the components of our machinery at Hynix are very expensive. They have parts that are \_\_\_replaceable.
- 6.) My date with her was truly \_\_\_forgettable.
- 7.) The latest reports from our third quarter sales are \_\_\_fortunate.
- 8.) The \_\_\_authors of the tutorial promise to write more works together in the upcoming months.
- 9.) I'd love to \_\_\_connect with my old classmates from high school.
- 10.) She tends to \_\_\_\_react when I make the littlest of mistakes.

### Match:

Match the words from column 1 with the best-suited answer from column 2.

Column 1	Column 2
1.) dis	a.) polite
2.) im	b.) view

Column 1	Column 2
3.) in	c.) mystify
4.) mis	d.) decided
5.) pre	e.) pronounce
6.) re	f.) habitate
7.) un	g.) definite
8.) over	h.) marry
9.) co	i.) trust
10.) de	j.) think

### Questions:

**Respond to the questions using the correct prefix to give the opposite meaning.** For example: "Is it **convenient** for you to work evenings?" "Actually, it's **inconvenient** for me to work evenings."

- 1.) "Do you **like** drinking Soju?"
- 2.) "Do you think our stock will **perform** better or worse next quarter?"
- 3.) Were you **informed** about the 7:00 pm meeting?
- 4.) Should I **connect** the power to the machine or not?
- 5.) Was the flight to China **comfortable**?
- 6.) Is the system **functioning** properly?
- 7.) Is the device **compatible** with our current software?

8.) Do you think she is **honest**?

### Daily Expressions, Phrasal Verbs & Idioms:

1.) **"(getting) out of line"**: When someone is behaving inappropriately. We use this phrase to describe when someone's actions are rude.

*"He was shouting, pushing people and **getting out of line** so the shop keeper called the police before the situation escalated."*