

Vocabulary Builder

Separable prefixes

Separable prefixes can be added to the base form of some words to give them a different meaning. Some common prefixes are:

dis	re	inter	un	over	under
mis	bi	co	sub	out	up

A Which of these prefixes can be added to give the following meanings?

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| 1 to an excessive degree | ... <i>over</i> ... | load |
| 2 once more, again | | fill |
| 3 two | | lingual |
| 4 between, among | | active |
| 5 less than, insufficiently | ..... | age |
| 6 improved, high | ..... | grade |
| 7 under, below | ..... | contract |
| 8 together with | ..... | operate |
| 9 not | ..... | sold |
| 10 badly, incorrectly | ..... | manage |
| 11 better or more than | ... .. | do |
| 12 removal, reversal | | continue |



B Which prefix can be added to each of the following groups of words?

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|---|-------------------|-----------|--------|----------|--------|-----------|
| 1 | ... <i>up</i> ... | market | date | scale | swing | turn |
| 2 | | stock | pay | charge | priced | size |
| 3 | | direct | inform | judge | lead | represent |
| 4 | ..... | satisfied | like | regard | place | approve |
| 5 | ..... | act | fund | position | design | pay |
| 6 | ..... | standard | divide | group | total | section |

C Complete the following sentences by adding an appropriate prefix to the words in *italics*.

- Retailers are required to provide wheelchair access for*dis*....*abled* customers.
- I just checked the receipt and realized that I've been*charged* by more than five dollars.
- The store manager wants to*negotiate* the terms of the lease.
- This particular model has been*continued*.
-*management* of the inventory leads to lower levels of sales.
- It is easy to*estimate* the impact that a successful advertising campaign can have.
- We specialize in fashionable and affordable*size* clothing and footwear.

D Other common separable prefixes are: *down-*, *en-*, *ex-*, *extra-*, *hyper-*, *im-*, *in-*, *non-*, *super-*. Make a list of words that begin with these prefixes and then compare your list with a partner.