

## PREFIXES – GERUNDS/INFINITIVES – COLLOCATIONS

### A/ Prefixes - under and over

**Task 1. Fill in the spaces below with words beginning with under and their opposites with over. Look at the example provided. (22 pts)**

Definitions	Words	The opposites
<b>1</b> smaller than average or normal (adj)	<i>undersized</i>	<i>oversized</i>
<b>2</b> fail to guess or understand the real cost, size or difficulty of something (v)		
<b>3</b> not express an idea fully or adequately (v)		
<b>4</b> weak and unhealthy due to lack of food (adj)		
<b>5</b> charge too little money for something (v)		
<b>6</b> having too few people for the amount of work (adj)		
<b>7</b> not cooked for long enough (adj)		
<b>8</b> wearing clothes that are not attractive or formal enough for an event (adj)		
<b>9</b> make too little use of something (v)		
<b>10</b> lacking the money, education, possessions and opportunities that the average person has (adj)		
<b>11</b> fail to appreciate how skilful, important someone or something is (v)		
<b>12</b> give too little light to a piece of photographic film (v)		

**Task 2. Now complete these sentences using any of the words from Task 1. See the example provided. (13 pts)**

- 1 There was far too much light and all my photos were overexposed.
- 2 Don't you think you're a bit ..... for a barbecue in that suit?
- 3 The baby was a bit ..... at birth but she's put on weight well.
- 4 Calling his behaviour criminal is rather an ..... It was just a mistake.
- 5 I think 45 minutes is an ..... of the time it will take. I'd allow an hour.
- 6 The office is ..... so some people will have to be made redundant.
- 7 The council is trying to promote the new sports facilities, which are ..... at present.
- 8 I'm hopeless at preparing pasta. I always ..... how much to cook and we end up either eating it for three days or throwing it away.
- 9 I can't stand meat that is so ..... that it has blood oozing out of it.
- 10 I find his songs very repetitive. I think he's really ..... as a singer, to be honest.
- 11 To say we were surprised by the news of his arrest would be an .....
- 12 Many of the children were clearly ..... and suffering from various diseases.
- 13 It's a very good restaurant. But be warned, they tend to .....
- 14 Although she came from an ..... family background, she went on to become one of the most highly paid lawyers in Britain.

**B/ Gerunds/ To infinitives**

***Prepositions and conjunctions + -ing***

**Task 1. Complete the following sentences by adding the correct preposition and a suitable gerund. See the example. (19 pts)**

- 1 I'm really looking forward to meeting your sister, I've heard so much about her.
- 2 We're thinking ..... to Turkey this summer.
- 3 Arnold was falsely accused ..... cash from the till.
- 4 When I was a child my mother was always warning me ..... lifts from strangers.
- 5 Jean doesn't believe ..... today what she can put off until tomorrow!
- 6 Trevor is absolutely hopeless ..... photos - he always cuts your head or feet off!
- 7 Lesley is rather anxious ..... the doctor next week - she thinks it might be something serious.
- 8 Emma was furious with me ..... her ex-boyfriend to the party.
- 9 I intend to find out who's responsible ..... the window.
- 10 I'm tired ..... the same old faces every day. - I need a change!
- 11 Anyone interested ..... on the trip to Bath should tell Kerry by noon today.
- 12 Dr Farquar is famous ..... people's names - I'm surprised he can remember his own!
- 13 Carol is incredibly honest. She'd never dream ..... a lie.
- 14 You can delete anything you don't want ..... this button.
- 15 Sally found it difficult to re-adjust to the British way of life ..... back from a long holiday in the Greek islands.
- 16 What's the name of that stuff you use ..... grass stains out of clothes?
- 17 MANUFACTURER'S WARNING: Always wear safety goggles ..... this machinery.

18 Francesco picked up a strong American accent ..... a Master's degree in the USA.

19 ..... practically nothing, I just can't seem to lose any weight!

20 You must check in your mirror ..... another car on the motorway.

**-ing or infinitive?**

**Task 2. Complete the following sentences with either a gerund or infinitive. In some cases, the verb to use is indicated in brackets. The first one has been done for you. (28 pts)s**

1 You'll remember to fill the car up with petrol, won't you?

2 Try ..... a cup of camomile tea before you go to bed.

3 She remembered ..... his face in a police identikit picture.

4 You must try ..... down on the number of cigarettes you smoke.

5 Being a doctor means ..... very long hours and ..... a fragmented social life.

6 During the meeting we came ..... that not only were we not getting a pay rise but probably a pay cut!

7 I regret ..... him he was pathetic, I got a bit angry, that's all.

8 I regret ..... you that there is very little chance of recovery.

9 Having defeated the champion in the opening match, she went on ..... the tournament.

10 Isn't it time you stopped ..... on your parents so much and tried ..... on your own two feet?

11 You can't expect ..... the exam if you spend all day ..... video games.

12 I can't help ..... (wonder) why Julie keeps ..... home so late.



- 13 It's no good ..... (worry) about things you can't be expected ..... (know).
- 14 Would you mind not ..... in here? I can't stand ..... in other people's cigarette smoke.
- 15 I hate ..... in small, confined places. I was once trapped in a lift and tried ..... (smash) the doors down.
- 16 Don't forget ..... the car to the garage on Monday - the brakes need ..... again.
- 17 It's not worth ..... (risk) ..... (get) a fine by ..... the car here even for five minutes.
- 18 There was no point in ..... (promise) ..... (help) if you don't like ..... (get) your hands dirty!

### C/ Collocations

Complete the sentences below by adding the correct verbs in the most suitable form from the box.  
The first one has been done for you. (11 pts)

parrot	report	undergo
circulate	assimilate	set yourself
produce	offer	chew over
consult	jot down	prove

- 1 If you don't know where it is, try consulting an atlas.
- 2 It's hard to ..... information when feeling anxious.
- 3 Several students volunteered to ..... psychological tests.
- 4 Details of the new grant were .....in the last edition of the college magazine.
- 5 Don't even try and write everything. Just .....the main points.

- 6 It's important to ..... clear targets in your study programme.
- 7 Don't make the mistake of simply ..... someone else's words when writing your own notes.
- 8 The teacher said mnemonics can help you memorise things and to ..... the point he memorised various phrases the students, came up with in other languages.
- 9 The headteacher could ..... no explanation for such poor examination results.
- 10 I find it helpful to listen to classical music when I'm ..... a problem.
- 11 So-called 'sleep learning' has failed to ..... any beneficial effects to the learning process.
- 12 The findings of the tests were ..... in the journal 'Psychobabble'.