

## PREFIXES

### 1. Complete the text with the prefixes

ex

micro

multi

over

sub

under

James Cameron is one of Hollywood's most successful directors. His \_\_\_\_\_-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 \_\_\_\_\_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 \_\_\_\_\_-colleagues describe him as a difficult person to work with. However, others say he is just a perfectionist who tries to \_\_\_\_\_manage every aspect of his films and sometimes \_\_\_\_\_reacts when things go wrong.

### 2. Complete the sentence with the prefixes

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 take \_\_\_\_\_vitamin pills.
- 8) I don't want to sound \_\_\_\_\_confident, but I'm sure I'll be good at this job.

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

5) I'm sorry, I typed you name incorrectly.

I'm sorry, I \_\_\_\_\_ your name.

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

They bought the house but \_\_\_\_\_ it a year later.

7) Ben Stiller wrote Zoolander with two other writers.

Ben Stiller and two other writers \_\_\_\_\_ Zoolander.