

# Word formation 2

## Prefixes

Use the words in **red** at the end of each line to form new words to fit in the spaces.

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| 1 Don't depend on him, he is a very <u>unreliable</u> person.          | <b>rely</b>       |
| 2 I'd lost my key, so I couldn't ..... the door when I got home.       | <b>lock</b>       |
| 3 Don't be so ....., we've only been waiting a few minutes.            | <b>patient</b>    |
| 4 Seven o'clock on Saturday is a rather ..... time for an appointment. | <b>convenient</b> |
| 5 Please don't be so ....., I can't do all the work by myself.         | <b>reason</b>     |
| 6 The staff are always making mistakes because they are so .....       | <b>efficient</b>  |
| 7 Sorry about the mistake. I ..... the instructions you gave me.       | <b>understand</b> |
| 8 They've ..... my name on this form – the first letter is L not R.    | <b>spell</b>      |
| 9 An athlete who fails a drugs test is sure to be .....                | <b>qualify</b>    |
| 10 Every year thousands of species of plants and insects .....         | <b>appear</b>     |

## Compound nouns

Fill each gap with a word that combines with the one given to make a suitable compound.

In the good old days everything you ate was <sup>1</sup> home-made and prepared in the traditional, <sup>2</sup> ..... way. Nowadays, <sup>3</sup> ..... is replacing the slow, careful preparation of fresh <sup>4</sup> ..... vegetables and other ingredients. All the modern cook needs is a <sup>5</sup> ..... and a <sup>6</sup> ..... . It's not only in canteens and <sup>7</sup> ..... cafeterias – even many restaurants serve <sup>8</sup> ..... meals instead of individually prepared and cooked dishes for each customer. A steak or grilled fish is always freshly cooked. But it's unlikely that prawns in the prawn cocktail you had for your <sup>9</sup> ..... were fresh today: if you get <sup>10</sup> ..... , they may be the cause. And if you suspect that the <sup>11</sup> ..... isn't freshly squeezed, it may be safer to drink <sup>12</sup> ..... !

- 1 made
- 2 old
- 3 food
- 4 home
- 5 tin
- 6 food
- 7 self
- 8 produced
- 9 course
- 10 food
- 11 fruit
- 12 water