Prefixes

I can use and understand a range of prefixes.

COLLEGE drop-out

James Cameron is one of Hollywood's most successful directors. His ¹_____-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 ²_____ marine. But he ³_____ 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 ⁴_____-colleagues describe him as a difficult person to work with. However, others say that he is just a perfectionist who tries to ⁵_____ manage every aspect of his films and sometimes ⁶_____ reacts when things go wrong.

1 Complete the text with the prefixes below.

ex   micro   multi   over   sub   under

2 Complete the sentences with the prefixes below.

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 takes _____vitamin pills!

8 I don't want to sound _____confident, but I'm sure I'll be good at this job.

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

> **VOCAB BOOST!**
> You can use mind maps for groups of words that are connected. Mind maps are particularly useful for people who have a visual memory.
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> dentist   solicitor
> indoors   farm worker   fruit-picker
> architect   outdoors
> sports coach
> **Jobs**
> be on your feet
> activities   rewarding
> describing
> deal with the public   work nine-to-five   creative   stressful

4 Read the *Vocab boost!* box. Add these words and phrases to the mind-map for jobs.

answer the phone   badly-paid   gardener   hairdresser
lorry driver   paramedic   programmer   receptionist
repetitive   serve customers   tiring   well-paid