

Vocabulary

Word Formation: Prefixes (under-, over-, pre-,...)



Have a look at these common prefixes and their meanings.

PREFIX	MEANING	EXAMPLE
UNDER	Below, lower	UNDERSELL (Sell lower)
PRE	Before	PRECOOK (Cook before)
RE	Again	REVIEW (View again)
OVER	Extra, more	OVERCHARGE (Charge more)
COM	With, together	COMPRESS (press together)
POST	After	POSTDATE (Date after)



Write a word with a prefix to replace the expression in brackets.

- o Jack [slept extra] _____ by one hour.
- o Tanya [piled together] _____ the pages for her report.
- o The chef [heated before] _____ the oven.
- o Trudy [read again] _____ her book on India.
- o The rider [estimated lower] _____ the speed of his horse.
- o The movers [loaded more] _____ the truck with furniture.
- o My mum [soaks before] _____ the beans.
- o The manager [pays under] _____ the workers.
- o Some children [arranged again] _____ the classroom after the conference.

Add a prefix to the word in parentheses to make it fit the meaning of the sentence.

- o [rated] > Our team _____ the strength of their opponent.
- o [charged] > Lois is angry because the man _____ her for the postcards.
- o [viewed] > A critic _____ the show before it opened.
- o [played] > The evening news _____ the highlights of Fernando Alonso's race.
- o [piled] > Suzanne _____ the information for her project in two weeks.
- o [lined] > He _____ the most important information in the text with a red pen.
- o [caution] > As a _____, I had brought an extra sweater with me.
- o [appearance] > Everybody was looking forward to his _____ in public.
- o [determined] > The local industries expanded at their own _____ rate.
- o [built] > The way they _____ the pier spoiled people's view.
- o [react] > People tend to _____ when they hear about something like that.
- o [value] > Surely, you notice that I don't _____ you.
- o [judge] > We should try not to _____ people before we really know them.
- o [adjust] > Before you shoot another picture, make sure you _____ the focus.
- o [nourished] > Most of the kids that arrived in the dinghy last night were _____.