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Word Skills

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.



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

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