



Prefixes – Finishing Sentences

1. Which of these prefixes is needed to complete the following words? **de-**, **dis-**, **re-**, **mis-**, **over-**
- a) Some people think that footballers are ____paid.
 - b) It took the historian many years to ____cover that there really was no treasure.
 - c) When he found out about the lie, he completely ____reacted.
 - d) Sam had spent the whole night ____vising for his test.
 - e) The gallery felt as though the artist was ____respecting them.
 - f) Even though he had been warned, the man continued to ____treat his dog.
 - g) It is recommended that you ____frost your freezer regularly.
 - h) As the snow got heavier, the green grass began to ____appear.
 - i) She didn't ____serve to be treated so harshly.
 - j) They had enjoyed swimming at that beach so much that they decided to ____visit it the following year.
2. Choose a word which begins with one of the prefixes above to complete these sentences.
- a) Hoping that the lost goods would _____, Dave said nothing about losing them.
 - b) 'I'll never let you _____ me!' shouted the leader to the second place runner.
 - c) Sometimes lions show their teeth as a _____ of strength.
 - d) After such a bad _____ her confidence took a real knock.
 - e) In poor weather conditions, drivers can be slower to _____.



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- a) There is an ongoing debate about whether it would be wise to _____introduce wolves to the Highlands of Scotland.
- b) The young girls had been taught to have a cautious _____trust of strangers.
- c) One of the major contributions to the effect of global warming has been the continuing _____forestation of large areas of land.
- d) His mother was a strong character with an _____bearing presence.
- e) The army outpost was running short of several items and in desperate need of a _____supply.
- f) She stared _____believingly at the space where her house had previously been.
- g) The house was _____valued by the fact that it was believed by some to be haunted.
- h) The reason he hadn't really listened was that he became more and more _____interested as the lesson went on.
- i) He _____kicked the ball so badly that it went over the goal, over the stand and right out into the street.
- j) There must have been some _____estimates at the planning stage because there were a lot of left over sandwiches at the end.



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2. Insert words beginning with one of the prefixes **mis-**, **de-**, **over-**, **dis-**, **re-** to make the sentences make sense.
- a) When other scientists felt something was not right, Dr. Williams spent many hours attempting to _____ the data.
 - b) The wealthy businessman had his stone house transferred block by block half way across the world with the intention to _____ it on the land he had bought in Africa.
 - c) In order to _____ the bomb, she spent a lot of time researching the complex mechanisms.
 - d) One of the perks of the job was that he was able to buy _____ biscuits at very cheap prices at the end of each shift.
 - e) His GPS navigating system tried to politely _____ her down a muddy, dirty track.

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| a) <i>overpaid</i> | f) <i>mistreat</i> |
| b) <i>discover</i> | g) <i>defrost</i> |
| c) <i>overreacted</i> | h) <i>disappear</i> |
| d) <i>revising</i> | i) <i>deserve</i> |
| e) <i>disrespecting</i> | j) <i>revisit</i> |

2. Choose a word which begins with one of the prefixes above to complete these sentences. (There may be multiple correct answers.)

- a) *reappear*
- b) *overtake*
- c) *display*
- d) *mistake*
- e) *react*

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| a) <i>reintroduce</i> | f) <i>disbelievingly</i> |
| b) <i>dis/mistrust</i> | g) <i>devalued</i> |
| c) <i>deforestation</i> | h) <i>disinterested</i> |
| d) <i>overbearing</i> | i) <i>miskicked</i> |
| e) <i>resupply</i> | j) <i>overestimates</i> |

2. Insert words beginning with one of the prefixes mis-, de-, over-, dis-, re- to make the sentences make sense.

- a) *reanalyse*
- b) *relocate/rebuild*
- c) *deactivate*
- d) *misshaped*
- e) *redirect*