

What do you mean?



The following quotes are about language and communication. What do they mean?

Which one do you like best and why?

□ **'The great enemy of clear language is insincerity.'**
(George Orwell)

□ **'The kindest word in all the world is the unkind word, unsaid.'** (UNKNOWN)

□ **'Language is the most imperfect and expensive means yet discovered for communicating thought.'** (William James)

□ **'Silence is often misinterpreted but never misquoted'**
(UNKNOWN)

□ **'Once a word has been allowed to escape, it cannot be recalled.'** (Horace)

□ **'Foolishness always results when the tongue outraces the brain.'** (UNKNOWN)

Look at the underlined prefixes and say what effect they have on the meaning of the word.

□ 'The great enemy of clear language is insincerity.'

□ 'The kindest word in all the world is the unkind word, unsaid.'

□ 'Language is the most imperfect and expensive means yet discovered for communicating though.'

Use them to make the opposites of these words:

__ mature __ dependant __ healthy

What prefixes are used to make the opposites of these words?

__ legal __ responsible __ honest

Look at the underlined prefixes and match them to their meanings

1. 'Silence is often misinterpreted but never misquoted'
2. 'Foolishness always results when the tongue outraces the brain.'
3. 'Once a word has been allowed to escape, it cannot be recalled.'

A. again **re** B. in the wrong way C. **mis** **ou**ter/more

What do the prefixes at the beginning of these words mean?

anti-government, unpaid, overcooked, nonverbal, ex-wife

Complete the words with the prefixes written above.

__sleep, __-President, __social, __value, __-alcoholic

Complete Train Your Brain with the previous examples.
You can use your SB p.93.

TRAIN YOUR BRAIN | Prefixes

Prefixes can form the opposite of the word. Give one more example for each.

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| 1 <i>un</i> friendly, ___ | 4 <i>inefficient</i> , ___ |
| 2 <i>im</i> possible, ___ | 5 <i>irrational</i> , ___ |
| 3 <i>il</i> logical, ___ | 6 <i>dissatisfied</i> , ___ |

Prefixes can change the meaning of the word in other ways. Complete with examples or the meaning.

examples

- 1 *mis*understand, *miss*pell, *mis*hear
- 2 *re*write, *re*take, *re*marry
- 3 ___ , ___
- 4 ___ , ___
- 5 ___ , ___
- 6 *out*number, *out*play, *out*sell
- 7 ___ , ___
- 8 ___ , ___

meaning

- ___
- ___
- too much
- too little
- without, not
- ___
- former
- against

Rewrite these sentences using a word with a prefix so that the meaning stays the same.

- 1** Sorry, I think you didn't hear me correctly: I said *Vine Street*.
- 2** It's against the law to drive without a seatbelt.
- 3** I hate vegetables which have been cooked for too long.
- 4** I'll have to wait until autumn to take my exams again.
- 5** Who's that with the boy who used to be my boyfriend?
- 6** Could I have a drink that hasn't got any alcohol in it, please?
- 7** Manchester United deserved to win: they played much better than Liverpool.
- 8** This bar is open to people who are not residents.

Complete the gaps in these questions with a suitable prefix. Then, in pairs, ask and answer the questions. Which of your partner's answers surprised you? Tell the class.

- 1 Which do you find more difficult: ___mature people or ___friendly people?
- 2 Do you prefer to read fiction or ___-fiction?
- 3 What ___healthy food or drink do you find ___ possible to give up?
- 4 When was the last time you ___slept?
- 5 Do you think it is ___-social to smoke in public?
- 6 Do you think it's worse to be ___worked or ___paid?
- 7 What English words do you often ___spell?
- 8 In your family, do the males ___number the females, or vice versa?

Open your WB on page 81 to complete the following tasks.

VOCABULARY ACTIVATOR

1 Make the adjectives negative by adding the correct prefix.

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| 1 ____ satisfied | 7 ____ friendly |
| 2 ____ complete | 8 ____ honest |
| 3 ____ logical | 9 ____ perfect |
| 4 ____ rational | 10 ____ dependent |
| 5 ____ kind | 11 ____ responsible |
| 6 ____ mature | 12 ____ legal |

2 Complete the sentences with the correct prefixes.

- 1 Don't misunderstand me. I don't think you'll fail but you will have to work hard.
- 2 We were stronger than them, fitter than them and better than them but, on the day, they ____ played us and we lost the match.

3 I'm sorry, the chicken is a bit ____ cooked – I was talking on the phone and forgot it.

4 Do you want to join us on an ____ government protest on Saturday?

5 What a mess! I can't read this! ____ write it and give it to me on Monday morning.

6 I get upset every time I see my ____ girlfriend with another boy.

7 I'm thinking of looking for another job. This one is badly ____ paid.

8 Could I have something ____ alcoholic to drink? I'm driving this evening.

**THANK YOU FOR
YOUR ATTENTION!**