Week 2

Lesson 4

Asynchronous task

Inferring meaning

Lesson objectives

- Inferring the meaning of words in sentences

- Using prefixes to infer meaning

- Context and environment are often helpful when you want to understand a new word and infer the meaning of the whole sentence that word is used in.

- Many academic words in English contain prefixes, so understanding such prefixes helps with understanding academic texts.

Inferring meaning

TASK 1 Inferring the meaning of unknown words in sentences

1 Each of sentences 1–6 has one missing word. Try to infer the meaning of the word by using the sentence as context.

1 Handheld devices such as smart phones have revolutionized _communication_ between individuals worldwide.

2 The main impact of online newspapers was to reduce the _circulation_ of paper-based national newspapers, with some less popular titles going out of _circulation_.

3 Media investors and newspaper publishers were interested only in titles that would still sell in large numbers to _cover_ the costs of production and make a profit.

4 Older communication technologies such as telegrams became _obsolete_ while even newer ones such as faxes are in decline.

5 The market for downloads was initially limited, but in its _pursuit_ of larger markets the music industry soon found ways of selling more downloads, to more people, more often.

6 Newer technologies are much more _decentralized_ and to a great extent beyond the control of national governments.

TASK 2 Using prefixes to infer meaning

1 Match the prefixes in words 1–9 to their meanings a–i.

1 **bio**graphy	f	a	outside
2 **de**regulate	d	b	within
3 **extra**-terrestrial	a	c	skill or system
4 **inter**departmental	l	d	take away or remove
5 **intra**net	b	e	far or distant
6 **mis**guided	h	f	life
7 **tech**nician	c	g	across
8 **tele**pathic	e	h	bad(ly) or wrong(ly)
9 **trans**continental	g	i	between

Think of more examples of

a) Words using these prefixes	b)Other grammatical prefixes

Telephone, teleology

Decrease, defile

Biological, biographical

Extraordinary, extrajudicial
Intermediate, intermingle

Intragastric, intracellular
Mismatch, mistrust
transportation

LIST OF PREFIXES

PREFIXES	DEFINITION	WORDS
1. Ex-	1. Former, older	1. ex-president, ex-boyfriend
2. Dis-	2. Not, opposite of	2. discord, discomfort, disengage
3. Anti-	3. Against	3. antidote, antisocial
4. Pre-	4. Before	4. preview, pretest, prevent, preplan
5. Mis-	5. Wrong, wrongly	5. misjudge, misinterpret, misguided
6. Post-	6. After	6. postgraduate, postdate, postnatal

Task 3

2 Complete the words in the sentences using prefixes from 1.

1 Applications from students wanting to study _tech_ nology and _bio_ logy are increasing.

2 The graduation ceremony was _tele_ vised and broadcast on the internet.

3 _Inter_ cultural understanding tends to develop quickly when people from different cultures _inter_ act in the same context, such as at a university.

4 Experts' views are frequently _mis_ understood if people don't have all the facts.

5 Computers are often blamed for _de_ skilling young people.

6 His performance in the end-of-term exams was _extra_ ordinary.

- What new things have your learnt today?

- Recall some new words you've learnt in the lesson

- Is there anything you didn't understand in the activities or the text?

- Could you participate in each activity?

- Do you have any questions?

LESSON REFLECTION

CHECK YOUR KNOWLEDGE!

- Now, go to your assignments in MS Teams. Check your knowledge by taking the quiz that your instructor assigned.

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