

Total English

Upper Intermediate

Making the most of prefixes

- 1 Find and correct the incorrect prefixes in sentences 1-14.
 - 1 I'm feeling extraworked and underpaid at the moment. I really need a holiday!
 - 2 Can you overhear this meal for me please? It's a bit cold.
 - 3 That lecturer really did drone on didn't he? He didn't really use any intonation - a real relogue!
 - 4 Are you feeling over-strong? Can you help me move this sofa please?
 - 5 I felt very undercomfortable with that group of people - there was a bad atmosphere.
 - 6 I need a multilingual dictionary - I only want to look up English words with definitions in English.
 - 7 That really was overnecessary. You didn't need to do it at all.
 - 8 I need a monopurpose phone - one that has an inbuilt camera and computer as well as the phone itself.
 - 9 Could you overwrite this article please - the tone is too critical.
 - 10 I think this meat is recooked - it tastes slightly raw.
 - 11 There's a monoannual newsletter - it's published in January and then another in July.
 - 12 Do you sell any extramedia products like CD-Roms and DVDs?
 - 13 My daughter's very slim - I'll need the under-small size please.
 - 14 I bumped into my un-girlfriend the other day. We actually got on quite well!

- 2 Choose one of the situations out of the following

- an awkward situation at work or college
- a scene at a restaurant
- a shopping outing
- a sports situation of some sort

and prepare a short story to read out to your partner. Try to use at ten words with prefixes from Ex. 1 and the box below.

oversleep underestimate ex-employee retrain bilingual multinational

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TEACHER'S NOTES:

Aim: to provide further practice of prefixes from the vocabulary page.

This worksheet is designed to be used in conjunction with unit 7.

Time: 40 minutes

Materials: photocopies of the worksheet for each student

- 1 Students correct one incorrect prefix in each sentence. Monitor as they work to check if anyone has any questions. Elicit answers from the class.

Answers: 1 overworked 2 reheat 3 monologue 4 extra-strong
5 uncomfortable 6 monolingual 7 unnecessary 8 multipurpose
9 rewrite 10 undercooked 11 biannual 12 multimedia 13 extra-small
14 ex-girlfriend

- 2 Students get a chance to freely use the words with prefixes by choosing a topic from the list of four to relate either a true or fictional story to their partner. The only criterion is that they use ten of the words with prefixes from Ex. 1 and the ones in the box. Monitor as they work to check that all students are writing stories which make sense, and also to help them with any language. Students then read out their story to their partner. If there is time ask some students to read out their stories to the class.