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## PREFIXES AND SUFFIXES

A *prefix* is placed at the beginning of a word to form another word.

A *suffix* is placed at the end of a word to form another word.



**Write the complete word in the box. Use the prefix and suffix meanings to help you.**

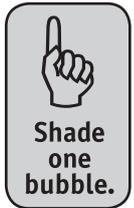
Prefix	Meaning	Suffix	Meaning
ad-	also	-ful	full
counter-	opposition	-phone	sound
de-	down	-cycle	circular
dia-	through or across	-phobia	fear
ex-	out	-itis	disease

- To ensure there were enough books, we had to get add\_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_  
copies published.
- With today's printing technology it is easier to make  
counter \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ money.
- The storm made most passengers nervous when it was time for the  
plane to desc\_ \_ \_ .
- There were plenty of dia \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ parking spaces opposite the shops.
- I followed the ex\_ \_ signs when I got lost in the carpark.
- Mary was h\_ \_ \_ \_ \_ l she would get a good mark for her essay.
- The t\_ \_ \_ p\_ \_ \_ \_ \_ enables you to communicate with people all  
over the world.
- \_ i\_ \_ \_ \_ \_ lanes in roads are safer for both cars and cyclists.
- Riding in a lift can be uncomfortable if you suffer from  
claus \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ .
- A sore throat and a fever are usually symptoms of t \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ s.



## PROBLEM WORDS AND PHRASES

### Which sentence is correct?



- 1  Dad poached a egg for his breakfast.  
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 Dad poached an eggs for his breakfast.

#### HINT

Use **a** or **an** before singular nouns.  
 Use **an** before nouns that begin with vowel sounds, including a silent letter, for example, **honour**.

- 2  I make allot of mistakes in my typing.  
 I make alot of mistakes in my typing.  
 I make allott of mistakes in my typing.  
 I make a lot of mistakes in my typing.

#### TRAP!

The expression **a lot** is made up of two words.

- 3  The students missed there teacher, who had retired.  
 The students missed they're teacher, who had retired.  
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 The students missed thier teacher, who had retired.

#### HINT

**They're** is a contraction of **they are**.  
**There** is a place (opposite of **here**).  
**Their** is a pronoun (belonging to **them**).

- 4 Which word correctly completes the sentence?

Josephine couldn't decide what to .

wear

where

ware

were

#### TRAP!

Three of the four words sound identical but have very different meanings.

### Which word correctly completes the sentence?

- 5 The bus accident happened  the rain had made the roads slippery.

because

cause

coz

course

- 6 If a prime minister was convicted of a criminal offence, they  remain in office.

coudn't

couldn't

couldnt

could'nt

- 7 The woman admitted that she  stolen the jewellery.

had

done

did

was

**SENTENCES WITH CIRCLED SPELLING MISTAKES**

The spelling mistakes in these sentences have been circled.  
Write the correct spelling for each word in the box. Use the hints to help you.

**HINTS**

- When adding *ing* to words ending in *y*, the *y* stays.
- Sometimes adding *h* to a word doesn't change its pronunciation.
- Many words start with a silent letter, such as *kn* (*knight*), *wr* (*write*) or *gn* (*gnome*).
- A *c* that comes before an *e* makes an *s* sound, for example, *cent*.



- 1 Our neighbor was mowing the lawn.
- 2 We intended to releese the injured bird as soon as it was better.
- 3 We need to come up with a practicle solution.
- 4 I get annoyed when my little sister keeps copiiing everything I say.
- 5 I entered a competition for amature photographers.
- 6 Despite knowing I'd be in trouble, I did not want to be disonest.
- 7 The corner shop has a wide verietiy of snack foods for sale.
- 8 The magician made his assistant dissapear.
- 9 I spied a familliar face in the crowd.
- 10 There was a queue of people waiting at the automatic teller mashine.



11 The news had caused a lot of exitement in the classroom.

12 The dinosaur exibit was well worth going to see.

13 The actors decided to reherse twice a day.

14 My doctor thinks I should see a speshalist.

15 The sales assistant apolagised for the mix up.

16 The gas leak caused an exploshen in the building.

17 The lawyers decided they would immediately begin an appele.

18 The person who'd donated the money wished to remain anonomous.

19 The hotel room's facilities were adekwate for our needs.

20 My friend won a scolarship to study art in London.

21 I love the combinashon of chocolate and peanut butter flavours.

22 A cutlery set includes nives, forks and spoons.

23 The batter hit the ball with such forse that her bat split in half.

24 Eli and Jack became separated in all the confussion.

**SENTENCES WITH HIDDEN SPELLING MISTAKES**

Each sentence has one word that is incorrect.  
Write the correct spelling for each word in the box. Use the hints to help you.

**HINTS**

- When making a word ending in **o** plural, add **es**.
- Look out for **homophones** – words that have the same **sound** but a different spelling and meaning.
- When adding **ing** to a word ending in **e**, remove the **e**.
- When making a word ending in a vowel plus **y** plural, add **s**.
- Look out for words with a silent **g**.
- When making a word ending in a consonant plus **y** plural, replace **y** with **ies**.



1 I didn't know the answer so I took a wild gess.

2 Her toes went num because she had been leaning on one foot for so long.

3 Our neighbour grows his own tomatos in his vegetable garden.

4 Authorities feared that swine flu would spread rapidly throughout the poppulation.

5 Australia trades manufactured goods with other countries in the Asia Pacific region.

6 The woman's application for a housing loan was excepted by the bank.

7 The moon glowed with a gostly pale light.

8 The two neighbours became bitter enimies because of an argument about a fence.

9 I sat down and began writeing a letter.

10 It was hard to navigate into the harbour because of a thick fog.



11 Smoking while pumping fuel into your car is a serious fire hazzard.

12 We waited with our parents in the deparcher lounge of the airport.

13 In my opion, there's no better place to live than on the coast.

14 There's likly to be a thunderstorm later today.

15 The happyness of the newlyweds was clear for all to see.

16 The hikers were told to pack only what was nessary for a two-day journey.

17 One journalist I know writes a particularly nasty gossip colum in a newspaper.

18 Our hotel room hadn't been cleaned before our arrival.

19 My friend and I talked for hours about our journies around Europe.

20 The treasurer has been pressured to resine from his position.

21 The two familys frequently went on holidays together.

22 My new baby sister was born earlyer today.

23 Winning the chapionship fulfilled Arun's lifelong goal.

24 The patient's high feever needed to be controlled with medication.

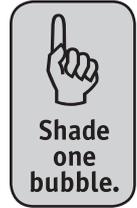
**SENTENCES WITH MISSING WORDS**

Which word correctly completes the sentence? Use the hints to help you.

**HINTS**

- The **x** sound can be made by the double consonants **cc**.
- When **ful** is added to a word, it is usually spelt with only one **l**, even though it means **full**.
- For many words you can simply add **dis** to create an **antonym** (opposite).
- In most cases **q** is followed by **u**.
- You can break a compound word into its two parts to work out the correct spelling.

- 1 I stumbled upon the answer by [REDACTED].
- accident                      accident                      accidnt
- 2 The prisoner was being held in the [REDACTED] of the castle.
- dungen                      dungon                      dungeon
- 3 She always buys the most [REDACTED] items.
- expensive                      exspensive                      expencive
- 4 It's always good to have an [REDACTED] on your side.
- allie                      alligh                      ally
- 5 It is [REDACTED] that our school will give us the day off tomorrow.
- doubtfull                      doutful                      doubtful
- 6 In winter, it's nice to see the cherry trees in full [REDACTED].
- bloome                      bloom                      blume
- 7 My [REDACTED] were sore after knocking on doors all day long.
- knuckles                      nuckles                      gnuckles



8 The preschoolers had drinks of [redacted] at morning tea time.

cordiel

cordiall

cordial

9 The teacher asked the student why she was being [redacted].

dissobedient

disobedient

disobeddient

10 I was over the [redacted] of my illness by Monday.

worst

whorst

werst

11 Each morning I drink freshly [redacted] fruit juice.

skweezed

squeesed

squeezed

12 All through summer, the temperature was steadily [redacted].

climing

climbing

clighming

13 I can hear someone [redacted] on the door.

nocking

gnocking

knocking

14 There was a [redacted] electrical storm last night.

terrible

terribul

terrabble

15 The ship's [redacted] was placed on display in a museum.

anker

anchor

anckor

16 Soap bubbles are usually [redacted].

transparent

transparrent

transparent

**SENTENCES WITH MISSING WORDS**

Which word correctly completes the sentence? Use the hints to help you.

**HINTS**

- Sometimes a shortened form of a word is spelt slightly differently to the original word.
- A contraction is a word made from two words, for example, *haven't* from *have not*.
- The vowels *ie* are pronounced *ee*.
- Sometimes *e* can be pronounced *a*.
- The vowel pairs *er*, *ar* and *or* at the end of a word often make an *uh* sound.

1 On the weekend, I helped Dad clean out our [REDACTED].

refrigerator

refridgerator

refridgerater

2 People [REDACTED] speed through school zones.

shoudn't

shoudnt

shouldn't

3 The garbage bin was full of fish [REDACTED].

sceletons

skeletons

skeletalens

4 [REDACTED] going on a holiday to America next year.

Wear

We're

Were

5 The cat sat down and cleaned her [REDACTED].

wiskers

whiskas

whiskers

6 This jigsaw has two thousand [REDACTED].

pieces

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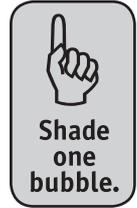
peaces

7 Pears are much [REDACTED] than apples.

juicyer

jucier

juicier



8 The celebrity had many [redacted] who sent letters and gifts.

admirors

admirers

admirers

9 Tonight's entertainer is an internationally successful [redacted].

comedien

comedian

commedian

10 My brother turned his nose up in [redacted] at the smell of the rotten egg.

discust

disgust

diskust

11 I've been told that this is an [redacted] wine.

exellent

exallent

excellent

12 The children [redacted] the postman at the gate.

herd

herde

heard

13 Mum [redacted] a whole packet of balloons for the party.

inflated

inflatted

enflated

14 Rabbits are the [redacted] of many wild animal species.

prey

prai

pray

15 The woman left the salon [redacted] with her new hair style.

disatisfied

dissatisfied

dissatisfied

16 People who win the lottery often experience a dramatic change in their [redacted].

lifestyle

lifestile

lifestyle

**SHORT TEXTS WITH CIRCLED SPELLING MISTAKES**

The spelling mistakes in these texts have been circled. Write the correct spelling for each word in the box. Use the hints to help you.

**HINTS**

- Remove *e* from the end of a word before adding *ing*.
- Look out for silent *p*.
- Some words starting with *s* also contain a silent *c* after the *s*.
- When making a word ending in *f* plural, replace the *f* with *ves*.

**Saving money**

Some people begin (saveing) money when they first get a job.

 1

It's a good (habet) to put some money away each week, rather than spending it all at once.

 2

Children who have been (encurraged) to save are often good money managers as adults.

 3

But saving money as a child is no (garentee) that a person will become wealthy.

 4

It's (tempting) to use our extra money to buy things we want instead of saving it.

 5

But if we approach managing our money (sensably), we will enjoy the rewards later in life.

 6**Going to the movies**

Going to the movies is one of my (favrite) things to do.

 7

I like to watch action movies and (sience) fiction.

 8

My brother and I go to the double (feature) at our local cinema on Sundays.

 9

We enjoy (ourselvs) the best when we have popcorn and other snacks to eat.

 10

I usually order a large popcorn and a (mediem) sized drink.

 11

Sometimes, if I can afford it, I also order a (choclote) ice-cream.

 12

## SHORT TEXTS WITH CIRCLED SPELLING MISTAKES

The spelling mistakes in these texts have been circled. Write the correct spelling for each word in the box. Use the hints to help you.

### HINTS

- To make words ending in *f* plural, replace the *f* with *ves*.
- Look out for contractions that require an apostrophe.
- When changing a word that ends in a vowel you sometimes add *ed* and not just *d*.
- Look out for too many double consonants.



### Silkworms

Silkworms make interesting pets if your willing to care for them properly.

 1

A shoebox with some air holes in it is an inexpencive way to make a home for them.

 2

Silkworms feed only on mulberry leafs and don't need drinking water at all.

 3

After some time, they spin themselves coccoons made out of silk.

 4

Before they hatch, you can collect the outer layars of silk by winding up the thread.

 5

When the silkworms emerge, you'll find they have transformd into white moths.

 6

### School of the Air

The School of the Air enables students in remoat regions of Australia to be educated.

 7

It involves weekly lessens that are broadcast over the radio.

 8

Students tune in at a specific time each day to participate in their lessons.

 9

The teachers also make annuall personal visits to each of their students.

 10

One School of the Air operation is based in Alice Springs, in the Northern Teritory.

 11

Using radio technology is a great way to offer education to iselated people.

 12

**SHORT TEXTS WITH HIDDEN SPELLING MISTAKES**

Each sentence in these texts has one word that is incorrect. Write the correct spelling for each word in the box. Use the hints to help you.

**HINTS**

- Try sounding out words to ensure that you haven't missed any vowel sounds.
- Look out for a silent *n*.
- The word *effect* is usually a noun and *affect* is a verb.
- The letter *x* can sometimes sound like *cks*.

**Making a difference**

When I leave school, I'd like to study enviromental science.

 1

I'm very intrested in global warming and other geographical issues affecting our planet.

 2

I believe that people should increase their efforts to reduce pollootion.

 3

It is our responsability to look after the Earth.

 4

But many people don't believe that their actions can make a diffrance.

 5

This problem needs adressing before it is too late to undo the damage.

 6**Colour**

Colours have been scientifically proven to effect people's moods.

 7

The colour pink helps people to feel relaxsed.

 8

Blue is often used for public places where people need to stay allert as they sit and wait.

 9

Red clotheing, when worn on a cold winter's day, can help lift a person's spirits.

 10

Green is carming and restful, which may be why many people like gardens and lawns.

 11

My favourite colour is yellow, because it is so brite.

 12



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Each sentence in these texts has one word that is incorrect. Write the correct spelling for each word in the box. Use the hints to help you.

### HINTS

- The letters *ique* are pronounced *EEK*.
- Look out for a word that is frequently mispronounced.
- When using *ie*, you generally place *i* before *e* except after *c*.
- Ensure that even a correctly spelt word is the right word in the context of the sentence.



### Caring for wildlife

My parents are members of a group of wildlife volunteers who look after injured eagles.

 1

We have five large cages built to accommodate sick or injured birds of prey.

 2

First, the birds are examined by a veterinarian, and given appropriate medical treatment.

 3

Then we continue with the recommended medical treatments to help the eagles get better.

 4

When they have recovered, we release them back into the wild.

 5

Caring for eagles is a unique and thrilling experience.

 6

### Tiger Moth

For my birthday, my parents gave me a ticket for a ride in a Tiger Moth.

 7

Tiger Moths are single-engine airplanes that were used in World War One.

 8

They have upper and lower wings on each side, connected by a series of strong braces.

 9

Before we took off, the pilot warned me that the flight would be quite noisy.

 10

It had an open cockpit, so the wind whistled around my head while we were flying.

 11

It was great being able to lean over the side and view the world from up high.

 12