

UNIT 21

Verbs

Letters added to the front of a word are called a **prefix**.
happy unhappy legal illegal

Prefixes can be added to **verbs** to change their meaning.

prefix = dis	meaning = not / opposite
agree disagree	trust distrust
prefix = mis	meaning = wrongly / badly
behave misbehave	treat mistreat
prefix = over	meaning = too much
work overwork	load overload
prefix = re	meaning = again / back
do redo	charge recharge
prefix = co	meaning = together
exist coexist	star co-star
prefix = out	meaning = more / better
number outnumber	do outdo
prefix = under	meaning = not enough
cook undercook	value undervalue

Focus

Copy the verbs. Underline the *prefix*.

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|---------------|-------------|-------------|
| 1 disbelieve | 2 misjudged | 3 overcome |
| 4 restart | 5 co-write | 6 outlive |
| 7 undercharge | 8 dislike | 9 misplace |
| 10 overrate | 11 reunite | 12 outstrip |

Use a dictionary for words you don't know.

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Support

A Write the verb with the correct *prefix*.

- 1 If you judge people wrongly, you _____ them.
- 2 If you go out of sight, you _____.
- 3 If you work too much you _____.
- 4 If you put more power in a battery, you _____ it.
- 5 If you live longer than others, you _____ them.
- 6 If you are not paid enough you are _____.

B Copy the sentences. Replace the underlined words with *prefix + verb*.

- 1 You have behaved very badly today.



- 2 I have forgotten where I put my book.

- 3 I am not very keen on shepherd's pie!

- 4 We will have to begin the race again.

C Use these *prefix + verb* words in sentences of your own.

- 1 misunderstand

- 2 dissatisfy

- 3 overrule

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Extension

Use the *prefix + verb* words in sentences of your own.

1 dis + continue = discontinue

2 mis + interpret = misinterpret

3 over + reach = overreach

4 re + locate = relocate

5 co + found = cofound

6 out + manoeuvre = outmanoeuvre

7 under + state = understate
