

FUMC ESL 1-19-2017 High Intermediate Lesson---Prefixes

1. **Prefixes** are often used to give adjectives a negative or opposite meaning. EX: comfortable/uncomfortable, convenient/inconvenient, just/unjust, edible/inedible, /loyal/disloyal, mature/immature, probable/improbable, legal/illegal, literate/illiterate.

2. **Write the correct word.**

- a) If it is fair, it is just. If it isn't fair it is \_\_\_\_\_.
- b) If you can read, you are literate. If you can't read, you are \_\_\_\_\_.
- c) If it will happen it is probable. If it won't, it is \_\_\_\_\_.
- d) If you support and defend someone, you are loyal. If you don't, you are \_\_\_\_\_.
- e) If you are grown up and responsible, you are mature. If you are childish, you are \_\_\_\_\_.
- f) If you can eat it, it is edible. If you can't it is \_\_\_\_\_.
- g) If the law says you can do it, it is legal. If it is against the law, it is \_\_\_\_\_.
- h) If it is handy, it is convenient. If it isn't handy, it is \_\_\_\_\_.
- i) If it makes you feel relaxed, it makes you comfortable. If it feels the opposite, it is \_\_\_\_\_.
- j) If you are lucky, you are fortunate. If something is unlucky, it is \_\_\_\_\_.

3. **The prefix "in" does not always mean negative or opposite. Sometimes it gives the idea of "inside" or "into". EX: internal, inject, insert**

4. **Use prefixes to write the opposites of these words:**

- tie \_\_\_\_\_
- agree \_\_\_\_\_
- appear \_\_\_\_\_
- approve \_\_\_\_\_
- dress \_\_\_\_\_
- connect \_\_\_\_\_
- wrap \_\_\_\_\_
- like \_\_\_\_\_
- lock \_\_\_\_\_
- qualify \_\_\_\_\_
- load \_\_\_\_\_
- do \_\_\_\_\_

5. The prefix "**anti**" means **against**. Someone who does not like to be around people is \_\_\_\_\_

antibiotic      antisocial      antiwar

6. The prefix "**auto**" means **by oneself**. A book you write about yourself is an \_\_\_\_\_.

autograph      autopilot      autobiography

7. The prefix "**bi**" means **two**. Someone who speaks two languages is \_\_\_\_\_.

bilingual      bilateral      biannual

8. The prefix "**mis**" means **wrong**. If you use the wrong letters in a word, you \_\_\_\_\_ the word.

misunderstand      misspell      misinform

9. The prefix "**multi**" means **many**. If something has many purposes it is \_\_\_\_\_.

multipurpose      multimedia      multinational

10. The prefix "**over**" means **too much**. If you have too many qualifications you are \_\_\_\_\_.

overdone      overqualified      overcrowded

11. "**Post**" means **after**. "**Pre**" means **before**. "**Sub**" means **under**. "**Under**" means **not enough**. "**Re**" means **again** or back. "**Pro**" means **in favor of**. "**Mono**" means **solo** or single.

**Match the words to the definitions.**

reread	in favor of something
multinational	underground train
submarine	not used much
antibiotic	read it again
underused	student who continues studying after graduating
proponent	kills germs
monologue	steps to prevent danger
postgraduate	many nations
subway	only one person talking
precaution	under the sea

**Practice conversation with your group by answering these questions.**

- a. What **precautions** do you take to avoid theft?
- b. Which country has the best **subway** system in the world?
- c. What is something you have that is **underused**?
- d. Name one thing you do that your parents **disapprove** of.
- e. Name something that is **illegal** in your country, but not here.
- f. you think all students should be required to be **bilingual**? How many languages do you speak?
- g. Is your handwriting **illegible**? Did you learn handwriting in school? Do you ever WRITE letters?
- h. If you want to cook things really fast, use the small oven called a \_\_\_\_\_. How often do you use this appliance?
- i. Who is the most **impatient** person you know?
- j. Do you watch movie **previews** before you go see them?
- k. As a child, did you ever **misbehave**? What was the worst thing you did as a child?