

31 Prefixes aplenty!

You can use prefixes to help you work out the meaning of a word. When added to a word, they give a new meaning to the word, e.g. *trans-* (meaning 'across') + *atlantic* = across the Atlantic, *un-* (meaning 'not') + *necessary* = *not necessary*, *over-* (meaning 'too much') + *cooked* = *cooked too much*.



GETTING STARTED

Match these prefixes with their meanings.

<i>anti-</i>	false
<i>hydro-</i>	against
<i>hyper-</i>	one
<i>mono-</i>	above, excessive
<i>pseudo-</i>	water



MOVING ON

Use your Oxford dictionary to work out the meanings of the prefixes below. Find out where the prefix comes from. Then find two words beginning with each prefix. The first group is done for you.

	PREFIX	MEANING	GREEK OR LATIN	WORD 1	WORD 2
1.	aer-	<i>air</i>	<i>Greek</i>	<i>aeroplane</i>	<i>aerosol</i>
2.	aqua-				
3.	arch-				
4.	audi-				
5.	auto-				
6.	bi-				
7.	circ(um)-				
8.	contra-				
9.	multi-				
10.	dis-				
11.	extra-				
12.	super-				
13.	micro-				
14.	para-				
15.	post-				
16.	semi-				
17.	sub-				
18.	tele-				
19.	cyber-				
20.	ultra-				

? How many did you get right?

20 = NOVICE

40 = EXPERT

60 = MAESTRO