

# Prefixes

## 1 Matching

Make adjectives by matching the suffixes and stems where possible. Then find a noun for each from the list on the right.

Suffixes	Stems	Nouns	
un		cheque	meat
mis		envelope	phone card
dis	<b>cooked</b>	expression	sports facilities
re	<b>dated</b>	factory	staff
pre	<b>paid</b>	gift voucher	ticket
post	<b>used</b>	leave	word
under		letter	work
over		loan	worker
		meal	

## 2 Gap-fill and discussion

Complete each question with a suitable prefix. Then choose five questions at random to ask your partner.

- Which professions in your country are \_\_\_\_\_ paid?  
Do you think there should be limits on how much people earn?
- What sorts of food should you never eat \_\_\_\_\_ cooked?  
Have you ever had food poisoning from eating \_\_\_\_\_ cooked food?
- Have you ever done \_\_\_\_\_ paid work for charity?
- Are there any \_\_\_\_\_ used buildings near to your home or workplace?
- Do you have a mobile account or do you use a \_\_\_\_\_ paid card?
- Which words or expressions in your language do you think are \_\_\_\_\_ used?
- Which government services are \_\_\_\_\_ used in your country?
- Have you ever written a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ dated cheque?
- What kind of workers in your country are \_\_\_\_\_ paid? Do they ever go on strike?

# Suffixes

## 1 Table completion

Make as many words as you can, adding prefixes to the left and suffixes to the right of the stems below.

stem	adjectives	nouns	verbs
help			
kind			
literate			
loyal			
mature			
popular			
rely			
sense			
success			
thought			
understand			
use			

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## 2 Practice - sentence completion

Use the correct forms of words in the table to complete the sentences.

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kind	mature	sense
literate	popular	success
thought	understand	use

- The staff in the shop were very \_\_\_\_\_ and I soon found what I wanted.
- We have a customer \_\_\_\_\_ programme. You get a 10 per cent discount for every \$100 you spend.
- There's a train service to the city centre but it's not very \_\_\_\_\_ as there are often delays.
- I thanked her for her \_\_\_\_\_ in helping out when my mother was ill.
- The school will not tolerate this kind of \_\_\_\_\_ behavior.
- I think her anger is quite \_\_\_\_\_ - I would be angry myself in that situation.
- I've just heard the weather forecast and I don't think it would be \_\_\_\_\_ to go ahead with the barbecue.
- All primary schools teach basic \_\_\_\_\_.
- The new sales tax was scrapped due to its \_\_\_\_\_.
- The government has had some \_\_\_\_\_ in reducing inflation, which has fallen to 3%.
- This app is completely \_\_\_\_\_! I can't get it to work at all.
- I think it was rather \_\_\_\_\_ of her to announce the party just after the funeral.

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## 3 Practice - brainstorming

Try to find two beginnings for each of the suffixes below. What parts of speech are they?

<b>-ion</b>	<b>-less</b>	<b>-ment</b>	<b>-ful</b>
<b>-ness</b>	<b>-able</b>	<b>-ist</b>	<b>-ical</b>
<b>-er</b>	<b>-ous</b>	<b>-cy</b>	<b>-ance/ence</b>
<b>-(i)ty</b>	<b>-ate</b>	<b>-al</b>	<b>-ive</b>