

Adding 'de-', 'dis-' and 'mis-'

1. Which definition of the prefixes below is incorrect?

A. super- means above or beyond

B. inter- means between

C. auto- means the self or same

D. anti- means in favour of

E. sub- means below or under

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2. Sort the root words into the table below.

active

freeze

way

marine

graph

clockwise

sub-	anti-	inter-

Which root word doesn't belong in the table?

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3. Tick the sentences which contain words that use the correct prefix.

A. The doctor gave me some antibiotics to help my illness.

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B. My dad bought me a submatic car for my birthday.

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C. Social interaction is important for human beings.

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D. I must make sure I intersave the work on my computer.

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4. Dana has used some words with prefixes in her paragraph below.

My dad always wanted to be a naval officer on a submarine. As a child, he would sit and watch maritime programmes on the television and wish that he could one day be supermerged in the depths of the ocean. He was subdetermined to make his dream a reality and that is exactly what he did.

Has she used them correctly? Prove it.

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5. Using the prefix 'auto-', write a word that will match each of the definitions below.

A. The life history of someone written by themselves.

B. A person's signature.

C. A setting on a plane where the plane flies itself.

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6. The prefix 'super' means above, over or beyond. What could the words below mean?

superglue

supercharged

Convince me.

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1. D. Anti- means against.

2.

sub-	anti-	inter-
marine	freeze	active
way	clockwise	

Graph is the word which doesn't belong in the table.

3. A and C

4. Dana has used the prefix sub- correctly for the word submarine. However, she has incorrectly used 'super' as a prefix for supermerged and 'sub' as a prefix for subdetermined. The correct prefix should be 'sub' for submerged and there should be no prefix used for the word determined.

5. A. autobiography; B. autograph; C. autopilot

6. Various answers, for example:

Superglue – glue that is 'over and above' any other glue; it is stronger and better.

Supercharged – something that is above everything else; makes something faster and more powerful.