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Prefixes for Grade 9

Definition

Prefixes are word parts that attach to the beginning of base words to change their meaning. These small but powerful units modify the sense of the root word in consistent, predictable ways.

Example

Prefix	Meaning	Examples
un-	not	unhappy, unable, uncertain
re-	again	rewrite, retell, review
dis-	not, opposite	disagree, disappear, disconnect
pre-	before	preview, prepare, prevent
mis-	wrongly	misunderstand, misspell, misplace

Part 1: Multiple Choice Questions

1. The prefix "sub-" in the word "subsidence" describes what is happening to Venice's foundation. What does this prefix mean?
- A. Again
 - B. Below or under
 - C. Against
 - D. Before

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2. When scientists describe Venice's relationship with the Adriatic Sea as "interconnected," which prefix is used and what does it mean?

- A. in-: not
- B. inter-: between or among
- C. con-: with
- D. ed-: related to

3. Venice's flood defense system, MOSE, was designed to prevent the "inundation" of the city during high tides. What does the prefix "in-" mean in this context?

- A. Not
- B. Into or within
- C. Before
- D. Against

4. When environmentalists discuss the "prehistoric" coastline of the Adriatic Sea before human settlement, which prefix is used and what does it mean?

- A. pre-: after
- B. pre-: before
- C. hist-: story
- D. ic-: relating to

5. The "misalignment" of Venice's buildings results from centuries of exposure to tidal forces. What does the prefix "mis-" indicate about the alignment?

- A. It is repeated
- B. It is wrong or improper
- C. It is large
- D. It is new

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Part 2: Fill in the Blank

Complete each sentence by choosing the correct word with a prefix from the options provided. Each word should relate to Venice and the Adriatic Sea tides.

1. The _____ of Venice's buildings into the lagoon's soft foundation has been ongoing for centuries.

(submersion, immersion, demersion)

2. Engineers created a(n) _____ system of barriers to control the flow of tidal waters into the Venetian lagoon.

(multibarrier, antibarrier, interbarrier)

3. The _____ of Venice's architectural treasures requires constant monitoring of water damage caused by high tides. (preservation, reservation, conservation)

4. Scientists have documented the _____ of traditional Venetian water management techniques as modern technology has been introduced. (replacement, displacement, misplacement)

5. Without _____ action, rising sea levels could permanently alter Venice's delicate relationship with the Adriatic tides. (reactive, proactive, inactive)

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Prefixes for Grade 9 – Answer Key

Part 1: Multiple Choice

1. B. Below or under (The prefix "sub-" in "subsidence" indicates sinking or settling below the normal level)
2. B. inter-: between or among (The prefix "inter-" in "interconnected" describes the mutual relationship between Venice and the Adriatic Sea)
3. B. Into or within (In "inundation," the prefix "in-" means into or within, describing water flowing into the city)
4. B. pre-: before (The prefix "pre-" in "prehistoric" means before recorded history)
5. B. It is wrong or improper (The prefix "mis-" in "misalignment" indicates incorrect or improper alignment)

Part 2: Fill in the Blank

1. submersion (The prefix "sub-" meaning under or below best describes buildings sinking into the foundation)
2. multibarrier (The prefix "multi-" meaning many or multiple best describes a complex system with several barriers)
3. preservation (The prefix "pre-" meaning before + "servation" related to keeping, maintaining something's original state)
4. displacement (The prefix "dis-" meaning removal or separation best describes traditional techniques being moved aside by modern ones)
5. proactive (The prefix "pro-" meaning forward or in advance of best describes taking action before problems worsen)