

## **Affixes with Opposite Meanings**

### **Instructions**

*Choose one of the cards and guess what is on the other side. If you are correct, you can do the same with another card. If you have done both correctly, you can choose to continue or stop there. You can do the same until you have guessed six in a row correctly, until you give up or until you make a mistake. However, if you make a mistake you lose all the cards from that round, so it is sometimes best to stop well before you reach the maximum of six cards. For example, if you have done four cards correctly and stop there you get four points, but if you try one more card you could get five points or you might get zero if you get the fifth one wrong. You can't stop at one card, but must do at least two each time. Cards you won in previous rounds are safe, i.e. you can only lose the points from this turn if you make a mistake.*

*Continue playing until all the cards are gone or your teacher stops the game, then test each other on the language in pairs by:*

- Reading out one side of the card and seeing if your partner can say the other side
- Reading out the end of the word without any prefix and seeing if your partner can add both prefixes (or any other pair of possible prefixes for that word)
- Reading out both prefixes and seeing if your partner can put both in front of a suitable word (the one on the cards or any other correct word)
- Reading out one prefix and seeing if your partner can say a word with that and the opposite of that word

### **Affixes with opposite meanings presentation**

*Match the pairs of prefixes to these meanings, first of all without looking at the cards if possible. Sometimes more than one answer is possible.*

a thousand/ a thousandth

after/ before

against, hating or stopping/ for, liking or helping

between/ inside

big or overall/ small or detailed

different/ the same

forward/ behind

good/ bad

loving/ hating

new/ old or original or source

one/ many

ten/ a tenth

too much/ too little

two/ half

two/ one

under or less than/ more than



Cards to cut up/ Suggested answers

<b>anti-American</b>	<b>pro-American</b>
<b>antibiotic</b>	<b>probiotic</b>
<b>benefactor</b>	<b>malefactor</b>
<b>benevolent</b>	<b>malevolent</b>
<b>biannual</b>	<b>semi-annual</b>
<b>bicameral</b>	<b>unicameral</b>
<b>decalitre</b>	<b>deciletre</b>
<b>dialogue</b>	<b>monologue</b>
<b>downside</b>	<b>upside</b>
<b>duopoly</b>	<b>monopoly</b>
<b>foresight</b>	<b>hindsight</b>
<b>Francophile</b>	<b>Francophobe</b>
<b>heterosexual</b>	<b>homosexual</b>
<b>heterogeneous</b>	<b>homogeneous</b>
<b>inner ear</b>	<b>outer ear</b>
<b>internet</b>	<b>intranet</b>
<b>interspecies</b>	<b>intra-species</b>
<b>kilogramme</b>	<b>milligram</b>
<b>macro-analysis</b>	<b>microanalysis</b>
<b>macroeconomics</b>	<b>microeconomics</b>
<b>malformed</b>	<b>well-formed</b>



<b>malnourished</b>	<b>well-nourished</b>
<b>megabank</b>	<b>micro-bank</b>
<b>megafauna</b>	<b>micro-fauna</b>
<b>megamall</b>	<b>mini-mall</b>
<b>misinformed</b>	<b>well-informed</b>
<b>mistreated</b>	<b>well-treated</b>
<b>mono-cultural</b>	<b>multicultural</b>
<b>monogamy</b>	<b>polygamy</b>
<b>monoglot</b>	<b>polyglot</b>
<b>monolingual</b>	<b>multilingual</b>
<b>multilateral</b>	<b>unilateral</b>
<b>neo-Fascist</b>	<b>proto-Fascist</b>
<b>overpass</b>	<b>underpass</b>
<b>overdeveloped</b>	<b>underdeveloped</b>
<b>post-industrial</b>	<b>pre-industrial</b>
<b>post-war</b>	<b>pre-war</b>
<b>subhuman</b>	<b>superhuman</b>
<b>subsonic</b>	<b>supersonic</b>
<b>subtitles</b>	<b>surtitles</b>
<b>thoughtful</b>	<b>thoughtless</b>
<b>transgender</b>	<b>cisgender</b>

**Suggested answers**

a thousand/ a thousandth – kilo/ milli  
after/ before – post/ pre  
against, hating or stopping/ for, liking or helping – pro/ anti  
between/ inside – inter/ intra  
big or overall/ small or detailed – macro/ micro  
different/ the same – hetero/ homo  
forward/ behind – fore/ hind  
good/ bad – bene/ mal(e) or well/ mal or well/ mis  
loving/ hating – phile/ phobe  
new/ old or original or source – neo/ proto  
one/ many – mono/ multi or mono/ poly or uni/ multi  
ten/ a tenth – deca/ deci  
too much/ too little – over/ under  
two/ half – bi/ semi  
two/ one – bi/ uni or di(a)/ mono or duo/ mono  
under or less than/ more than – sub/ super