

Vocabulary Practice 1: Prefixes

Prefixes: *extra-*, *inter-*, *intra-*, *intro-*, *ultra-*

A **prefix** is a word part that is added to the beginning of a base word. A prefix changes the meaning of a word.

The prefix *inter-* means "between." Adding *inter-* to the base word *action*, meaning "activity," makes *interaction*, which means "activity between people or things." Other prefixes have meanings similar to *inter-*.

extra- means "beyond" or "outside of"

intro- means "inside" or "inward"

inter- means "between," "among,"
or "in the midst of"

ultra- means "beyond" or "exceeding"

intra- means "in," "into," or "within"

A. Think about the meaning of each prefix and base word. Then, write a definition for the word in bold type. Check your definitions in a dictionary.

1. *extra-* + *terrestrial* (relating to the earth) = **extraterrestrial**

Definition _____

2. *inter-* + *planetary* (relating to the planets) = **interplanetary**

Definition _____

3. *intra-* + *ocular* (relating to the eye) = **intraocular**

Definition _____

4. *ultra-* + *sound* (tone of human hearing) = **ultrasound**

Definition _____

5. *intro-* + *spection* (the act of examining) = **introspection**

Definition _____

6. *extra-* + *curricular* (relating to courses of study) = **extracurricular**

Definition _____

7. *inter-* + *dependent* (relying on another) = **interdependent**

Definition _____

8. *intra-* + *venous* (relating to veins) = **intravenous**

Definition _____

9. *ultra-* + *modernist* (one who believes in current views) = **ultramodernist**

Definition _____

10. *intro-* + *version* (the act of turning) = **introversion**

Definition _____

B. On separate paper, make a list of three words using each prefix. Then, write a sentence using each word.