



# Vocabulary Power



## Lesson 15 Prefixes That Show Direction or Position

A prefix is a word part attached at the beginning of a base word or root. Listed below are several prefixes that show direction or position. Knowing the meaning of these prefixes can help you figure out the meaning of unfamiliar words.

Prefix	Meaning	Example	Definition
<i>extra-</i>	outside, to the outside	<b>extracurricular</b>	outside the curriculum
<i>inter-</i>	between	<b>interrupt</b>	stop by breaking in between
<i>sub-</i>	under, beneath, below	<b>subclass</b>	group below a class
<i>super-</i>	over, above	<b>superhuman</b>	exceeding normal human power
<i>trans-</i>	across, beyond, through	<b>transfer</b>	move or carry to a different place

### Word List

<b>extrapolate</b>	<b>intersperse</b>	<b>superficial</b>	<b>transcend</b>
<b>extravagant</b>	<b>subjugate</b>	<b>superfluous</b>	<b>transgress</b>
<b>intermediary</b>	<b>subservient</b>		

### EXERCISE A Prefixes

For each word, underline the prefix and list another word you know that contains the prefix. Then, look up the vocabulary word in a dictionary and write its definition.

1. extravagant \_\_\_\_\_

Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_

2. intermediary \_\_\_\_\_

Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_

3. subjugate \_\_\_\_\_

Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_

4. superficial \_\_\_\_\_

Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_

5. transcend \_\_\_\_\_

Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_

6. extrapolate \_\_\_\_\_

Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_

7. intersperse \_\_\_\_\_

Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_

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8. subservient \_\_\_\_\_

Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_

9. superfluous \_\_\_\_\_

Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_

10. transgress \_\_\_\_\_

Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_

## **EXERCISE B Usage**

**Circle the vocabulary word in parentheses that best completes each sentence.**

1. A power-hungry emperor might (transcend, subjugate, extrapolate) the people of a neighboring country.
2. Using data gathered through a public opinion poll, you could (intersperse, extrapolate, transgress) the probable election results.
3. A person with a(n) (subservient, superfluous, extravagant) attitude might agree to every suggestion you make without question or complaint.
4. If your analysis of a novel lacked depth, a critic might say it was (superfluous, superficial, subservient).
5. If you gave someone (superficial, extravagant, superfluous) compliments, they might feel embarrassed by the excess of your remarks.

## **EXERCISE C Sentence Completion**

**Write the vocabulary word that best completes each sentence.**

1. The agent for the well-known actor served as a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ in negotiating film contracts with movie producers.
2. Calvin planned to \_\_\_\_\_ clumps of daffodils among the dark green myrtle that served as ground cover.
3. There are serious penalties if you \_\_\_\_\_ the criminal laws of this state.
4. As Reggie edited his letter to the newspaper, he deleted \_\_\_\_\_ words to shorten the letter and strengthen his argument.
5. Both movies \_\_\_\_\_ the science fiction category; they have universal themes and sympathetic and dignified characters.