

6B Class Performance "Prefixes" 30-09-2014

Mathematics:

Prefixes	Roots	Meaning	Examples
Uni-	Latin	One	Unilateral
Bi-	Latin	Two	Bisect
Tri-	Latin/Greek	Three	Triangle
Quadr-	Latin	Four	Quadrilateral
Penta-	Greek	Five	Pentagon

Chemistry:

Prefixes	Meaning	Examples			
Meth-	One	Methane	-ene	-yl	-yne
Eth-	Two	Ethane			
Prop-	Three	Propane			
But-	Four	Butane			
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English:

Prefixes	Meaning	Examples
Anti-	Against	Antivirus, anti-clockwise
Dis-	Negative	Disagree, dislike
Mid-	Middle	Midlife, Mid-Autumn Festival
Mini-	Small	Mini-sized, minimarket
Re-	Again	Redo, reorganize

(Nomial is looking into the mirror & doing make-up)

Di: *(go on the stage & biting a red rose)* Hey, beautiful lady. You're so pretty. Are you waiting for someone handsome, like me? Oops, I have forgotten to introduce myself. My name is Di and nice to meet you! What's your name?

Nomial: *(disdainful to give a look)* Oh, hi. Nice to meet you too. I'm Nomial. You're.....Di? *(laughing)* Your name sounds unique and interesting. How do you know I'm waiting for someone? Well, I am not waiting for you though. Umm, I am sorry to tell you that you are not my cup of tea. *(At the moment, Bi goes on the stage and stands between Di and Nomial while biting a blue rose)*

Bi: *(bow slightly)* Your highness, sorry to keep you waiting. *(facing Di)* My name is Bi, derived from Latin. Do you guys know that much English comes from Latin and Greek. And some English words are composed of a prefix and a stem. You know, I'm the prefix and Lady Nomial is the stem. We are the perfect match.

Nomial: *(being shy)* Gentleman Bi. I don't mind waiting... for you only. What do you think about my look today?

Di: *(talking to Bi and Nomial)* Stop being so sweet in front of me, you two! *(talking to Bi)* Mr. Bi, you've mentioned that a prefix and a stem can form a word. I am indeed a prefix and Lady Nomial can be my Mrs. Right as well, can't she? Moreover, you as Bi, and I as Di, both mean 2. So, Lady Nomial and I can be the perfect match too. *(Agitated)*

Oxide: *(go on the stage gently and stand next to Di)* Hahaha, let me tell you the reasons, Mr. Di. In the English Kingdom, there are traditions and customs, some of the stems can only go with Latin while others can only go with Greek. Lady Nomial can only go with the Latin family member and I.....

Di: Oh no, *(pointing to himself)*-oxide *(pointing to Oxide)*, don't tell me that you belong to our Greek family and you are my "Mrs" Right. You know, I'm not that kind of.....

Oxide: Hmmm, well, I'm afraid I have more choices from your Greek family, like Monoxide, Trioxide, OR I can remain single for life as Oxide. But it's definitely wrong to say "BiOxide" or "DiNomial". You know, we use plenty of prefixes from Latin and Greek respectively in subjects like Maths and Chemistry.

Bi: Oh man, you are so clever. So, Mr. Di, have you got your answer?

Di: Oh, sure..... thanks. I have learnt how to pick my Mrs Right too.

Oxide: Great! Hey students, let us introduce you what prefix is now.

INTRODUCTION:

A prefix is placed before the stem of a word. Adding it to the beginning of one word changes it into another word. For example, when the prefix *un-* is added to the word *happy*, it creates the word *unhappy*. The word *prefix* is itself made up of the stem *fix* (meaning "attach", in this case), and the prefix *pre-* (meaning "before"), both of which are derived from Latin roots.

Prefixes are commonly used in our daily life. When we are having our lessons especially Mathematics, English and Chemistry, it is common to hear words with prefixes.

Here are some examples of prefixes:

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