

**Lesson  
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# Prepositional prefixes

Teaching

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|------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|
| <u>sup</u> ernatural   | <u>pre</u> cede      | <u>trans</u> continental |
| <u>super</u> sonic     | <u>pre</u> meditated | <u>trans</u> fusion      |
| <u>super</u> lative    | <u>fore</u> warned   | <u>trans</u> plant       |
| <u>super</u> intendent | <u>fore</u> cast     | <u>trans</u> mission     |
| <u>sub</u> ordinate    | <u>post</u> pone     |                          |
| <u>sub</u> terranean   | <u>post</u> war      |                          |
| <u>sub</u> merge       | <u>post</u> script   |                          |
| <u>sub</u> conscious   | <u>post</u> dated    |                          |

**Lesson Generalization:** A **preposition** is a word that is placed *before* a noun or pronoun to show the relationship between that word and another word in the sentence. The noun or pronoun following the preposition is called the **object** of the preposition. Prefixes often have the meaning of prepositions.

**pre** (before) + **position** = **preposition**.

**A.** Each word below means the same as one or more of the prefixes from your list. In alphabetical order under each word, write the spelling words that contain that prefix.

**under (sub)**

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**before (pre)**

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**above (super)**

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**across (trans)**

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**after (post)**

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**B.** On a separate sheet of paper, scramble the prefixes and base words from the word list and then put a different prefix with each base. Trade papers with a partner and match up the prefixes with their correct bases.

**Prepositional prefixes***More Practice*

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|-------------------|------------------|----------------|----------------------|
| 1. supernatural   | 6. subterranean  | 11. forewarned | 16. postdated        |
| 2. supersonic     | 7. submerge      | 12. forecast   | 17. transcontinental |
| 3. superlative    | 8. subconscious  | 13. postpone   | 18. transfusion      |
| 4. superintendent | 9. precede       | 14. postwar    | 19. transplant       |
| 5. subordinate    | 10. premeditated | 15. postscript | 20. transmission     |

**A.** Write the spelling word that matches each definition. Then circle the word in the definition that gives the meaning of the prefix.

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| 1. below consciousness<br>_____                | 11. to put under water<br>_____                  |
| 2. note after a letter<br>_____                | 12. planned or schemed beforehand<br>_____       |
| 3. to predict beforehand<br>_____              | 13. dated after the present<br>_____             |
| 4. person who oversees a job<br>_____          | 14. below another in rank<br>_____               |
| 5. to go before<br>_____                       | 15. above all others in quality<br>_____         |
| 6. a transferring of something across<br>_____ | 16. beyond the laws of nature<br>_____           |
| 7. under the earth<br>_____                    | 17. to dig up and move to another place<br>_____ |
| 8. the sending of a message across<br>_____    | 18. across a continent<br>_____                  |
| 9. beyond the speed of sound<br>_____          | 19. to put off until later or after<br>_____     |
| 10. after a war<br>_____                       | 20. warned beforehand<br>_____                   |

**B.** Using a dictionary, find additional words that use the five prefixes. Write one word for each prefix on a separate sheet of paper and then compare your list with others in the class.