

Word formation

Word formation has been practised throughout the vocabulary section. This unit gives further practice in greater detail.

1 Complete the word in each sentence with *over-* or *under-*.

- a) The*under*.....lying causes of the problem are widely known.
- b) What a terrible film. It's reallyrated in my views.
- c) The first time I tried out my new bike Ibalanced and fell off.
- d) Don't forget to give the door ancoat as well as a coat of gloss paint.
- e) The bathflowed and the water dripped through into the living room.
- f) It is not as easy as all that. I think you aresimplifying the problem.
- g) I apologise for the delay in sending your order but we arestaffed at present.
- h) You can get to the other side of the road by going through thispass.
- i) The garden has been neglected and wasgrown with weeds.
- j) You should have turned the meat off before. It'sdone now.

2 Complete each word with either *-able* or *-ible*. Make any necessary spelling changes.

- a) Brenda's new book is really remark.....*able*.....
- b) I don't find your new colleague very like.....
- c) The pie looked very good, but it wasn't very easily digest.....
- d) That was a really contempt..... way of getting the boss on your side!
- e) I think that anything is prefer..... to having to tell so many lies.
- f) The advantage of these chairs is that they are collapse.....
- g) I do hope that you find your room comfort.....
- h) Why don't you go to the police? It's the sense..... thing to do.
- i) John takes good care of the children and is very response.....
- j) I find your aunt a very disagree..... person I'm afraid.

3 Complete the word in each sentence by adding an appropriate prefix.

- a) I didn't pay the bill and now the electricity has beendis.....connected.
- b) There is a law against dropping litter, but it is rarelyforced.
- c) When the cassette finishes, don't forget towind it.
- d) I thought the effects in the film were ratherdone.
- e) The rumours about the minister's death were completelyfounded.
- f) Anyone with aability may qualify for a special pension.
- g) I amdebted to you for all the help you have given me.
- h) When a currency isvalued, it is worth less internationally.
- i) I found the instructions you gave us veryleading.
- j) John rents the house and Ilet a room from him.

4 Replace the words underlined in each sentence with one word ending in -ly and beginning with the letter given.

- a) The country imports every year over two million tons of rice. a.....annually.....
- b) Harry's work has improved a great deal. c.....
- c) By coincidence, I'm driving there myself tomorrow. C.....
- d) I'll be with you straight away. d.....
- e) The two sisters were dressed in exactly the same way. i.....
- f) I'm afraid that Carol's writing is quite illegible. a.....
- g) Tim only understands in a hazy manner what is going on. v.....
- h) I think that this plan is downright ridiculous! t.....
- i) Diana just wants to know the truth. m.....
- j) The passengers only just escaped with their lives. b.....

5 Complete each word with either *in-* or *un-*.

- a) Why are you soin.....sensitive to other people's problems?
- b) The garden is divided into twoequal parts.
- c) I think you werejustified in punishing both boys.
- d) I am afraid that the world is full ofjustice.
- e) This ticket isvalid. You haven't stamped it in the machine.
- f) Thank you for your help. It wasvaluable.
- g) Quite honestly I find that argumenttenable.
- h) The government'saction can only be explained as sheer neglect.
- i) The amount of food aid the country has received is quitesufficient.
- j) Her remarks were so rude they were franklyprintable.

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- 6** Make a compound word in each sentence by adding the most appropriate word from the box.

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- a) We used cushions and blankets as a make *shift* bed.
- b) I woke up screaming after having a terrible night.
- c) The house was severely damaged by an earth.
- d) We got soaked to the skin in a sudden down.
- e) Don't forget to tell everyone about the meeting before.
- f) The average theatre will find this play incomprehensible.
- g) After six months abroad, Angela was beginning to feel home.
- h) The floor of the workshop was covered in saw and shavings of wood.
- i) The children made a poster based on the shape of a snow.
- j) The United Nations tried to arrange a cease but without success.

- 7** Complete the compound word in each sentence.

- a) One of the draw *backs* of this car is its high petrol consumption.
- b) From the hotel there is a breath view across the canyon.
- c) Peter's gambling ability gave him a nice little wind of £300.
- d) We always lock the computer in this cupboard, just as a safe.
- e) If I were you, I'd spend a bit more and buy the hard version of the book.
- f) Michael's playboy life was the envy of all his friends.
- g) That building has been ear for redevelopment by the council.
- h) We cannot take off because the run is rather icy.
- i) From my stand, this would not be a very profitable venture.
- j) There is wide dissatisfaction with the government's policies.

8 Complete the word in each sentence with an appropriate suffix.

- a) I object strongly to the commercial *isation* of sport.
- b) Skateboarding is no longer very fashion..... in this country.
- c) Don't touch that glass vase! It's absolutely price..... !
- d) We decided to go to watch some tradition..... dances in the next village.
- e) Helen's uncle turned out to be a really remark..... person.
- f) We have not yet received confirm..... of your telephone booking.
- g) Driving on these mountain roads in winter is a bit hazard.....
- h) I just couldn't put up with his relent..... nagging.
- i) The doctor will be available for a consult..... on Thursday morning.
- j) None of this work has been done properly. Don't you think you have been rather neglect..... ?

9 Complete each space in the text with a word formed from the word in capitals.

ROMFORD COLLEGE INTERNATIONAL FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Hello all members!

Welcome to another edition of the club newsletter.

A list of (1) *forthcoming* events for the autumn is being prepared. It will be displayed on the club's

(2) Sadly our intended celebrity guest, the actor George Wells, has had to (3) from

the summer fair. However, we are pleased to announce that we have lined up a (4) in the shape of Bethan Rogers, the folk-singer.

Meanwhile, we are looking for (5) to help run both the cloakroom and the (6) stall.

If you are interested please let me know as soon as possible.

The cost of (7) to the fair for non-members has been agreed at £2.50. Members will, of course, be free.

As you know, Professor Byatt, who has been associated with the club for 15 years, is retiring at the end of term. In

(8) of his support and enthusiasm, we are planning to hold a little (9) for him.

Mrs Byatt has suggested we buy him a gold watch. Please send any (10) you would like to make to me by Friday 30th.

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