

Prefix Pairs

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These can be used in a variety of ways. For the "lay upside down on the table and try to find a pair game" it is best not to use all the 64 cards. You can try printing the definitions in one colour and the words in another which of course makes finding pairs less frustrating.

The address for this activity is:
<www.collaborativelearning.org/prefixpairs.pdf>

The project is a teacher network, and a non-profit making educational trust. Our main aim is to develop and disseminate classroom tested examples of effective group strategies across all phases and subjects. We hope they will inspire you to use similar strategies in other topics and curriculum areas. We run teacher workshops, swapshops and conferences throughout the European Union. The project publishes a catalogue of activities plus lists in selected subject areas, and a newsletter available by post or internet: "PAPERCLIP".

*These activities were influenced by current thinking about the role of language in learning. They are designed to help children learn through talk and active learning in small groups. They work best in mixed classes where children in need of language or learning support are integrated. They are well suited for the development of speaking and listening. They provide teachers opportunities for spoken language and other assessment.

*They support differentiation by placing a high value on what children can offer to each other on a particular topic, and also give children the chance to respect each other's views and formulate shared opinions which they can disseminate to peers. By helping them to take ideas and abstract concepts and move them about physically they help to develop thinking skills.

*They give children the opportunity to participate in their own words and language in their own time without pressure. Many activities can be tried out in mother tongue and afterwards in English. A growing number of activities are available in more than one language, not translated, but mixed, so that you may need more than one language to complete the activity.

*They encourage study skills in context, and should therefore be used with a range of appropriate information books which are preferably within reach in the classroom.

*They are generally adaptable over a wide age range because children can bring their own knowledge to an activity and refer to books at an appropriate level. The activities work like catalysts.

*All project activities were planned and developed by teachers working together, and the main reason they are disseminated is to encourage teachers to work effectively with each other inside and outside the classroom. They have made it possible for mainstream and language and learning support teachers to share an equal role in curriculum delivery. They should be adapted to local conditions. In order to help us keep pace with curriculum changes, please send any new or revised activities back to the project, so that we can add them to our lists of materials.

Prefix Pairs

The skill of
picking up
other people's
thoughts from
a long way off.

An underwater
creature with
eight tentacles.

The examination
of a dead body to
establish the
cause of death.

The volume knob
on the radio needs
to be turned up
high enough so
the music is

Telepathy

Octopus

Autopsy

Audible

Prefix Pairs

This is when
you say or do
something
again.

If someone sends
you a letter ask-
ing you to go on
holiday, then you
need to send a

A person who
studies the inside
of the earth.

A person who
finds out about
the surface of
the earth and
what people do
on it

Repeat

Reply

Geologist

Geographer

Prefix Pairs

To move some-
thing around.

The distance
round a circle.

Round in shape.

A round place
where clowns
perform.

Circulate

Circumference

Circular

Circus

Prefix Pairs

A group of people
listening to a con-
cert.

You go to this
kind of school be-
fore you go to
secondary school.

A shape with
eight sides.

Faraway objects
seem nearer
when you look
through this.

Audience

Primary

Octagon

Telescope

Prefix Pairs

A period of ten years.

The study of parts less than one.

A sign of the zodiac meaning a water carrier.

A place made for fish to live indoors.

Decade

Decimals

Aquarius

Aquarium

Prefix Pairs

A pair of muscles
in your arms and
legs.

Birdwatchers use
these to see birds
close up.

Someone you
think may have
committed a
crime is a _____.

A bridge that
hangs on wires is
a _____ bridge.

Biceps

Binoculars

Suspect

Suspension

Prefix Pairs

You need a micro-
scope to see some-
thing this small.

Something that is
reproduced on a
smaller scale.

The smallest
amount.

People with pens
in their hands ask
famous people for
these.

Microscopic

Minature

Minimum

Autographs

Prefix Pairs

A small
world.

A monkey or a
chimpanzee.

A person who
flies.

A place where
small planes land.

Microcosm

Primate

Aeronaut

Aerodrome