**ESL 116: Relational Affixes**

**Prefix/Suffix Meaning Example**

after- after afterimage

anti- against anti-satellite

back- back backorder

co- together co-author

contra-/counter- against; opposite counter-argument

-down- -down breakdown; downplay

equi- equal equidistant

ex- former; out ex-president

fore- in front of; before foreground; foresee

hyper- extreme hypersensitive

in- into insight

infra- under infrastructure

inter- between international

intra- within intraparty

long- long long-term

neo- new neo-classical

out- outside; beyond outrun

over- too much; above overproduction; overview

post- after post-industrial

pre- before prerequisite

pro- in favor of pro-business

re- again reconsider

short- short; low shortchange; short-range

sub- under subsurface

super- above; extreme supervise; superpower

tele- move; distant telephone

trans- across transcontinental

ultra- above; extreme ultrasound; ultraconservative

under- below; less underground; undersell

up- up uplift

wide- wide widespread

**Exercise 1:** First, analyze the meaning of the underlined word. Then, do the following for each:

* ***Write the affix and root in the spaces provided.***
* Mark the part of speech ***(n, v, adj, adv)*** and write the meaning of the word; if possible, do not use the same root in your definition.

*EXAMPLE:* He couldn't foresee that his trip would be delayed by bad weather.

Affix fore- root see

meaning ( n , v, adj , adv ) to know what will happen in the future

1. I went to see an exhibition of Pre-Columbian art at the art museum in Chicago.

affix:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_root:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

meaning (n , v , adj , adv ):

2. Their forecast turned out to be correct.

affix\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_root \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

meaning ( n , v , adj , adv ):

3. An interdepartmental committee has been set up to consider research projects on superconductivity.

affix\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_root \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

meaning (n , v , adj , adv ):

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meaning (n , v , adj , adv ):

4. Hyperactive children are sometimes treated, paradoxically, with stimulants. affix\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_root \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

meaning (n , v , adj , adv ):

5. A shortfall in grain production for this year has led pro-farming organiza­tions to lobby Congress for more aid.

affix\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_root \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

meaning (n , v , adj , adv ):

affix\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_root \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

meaning (n , v , adj , adv ):

6. Subnormal temperatures this winter have hurt the economy

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meaning (n , v , adj , adv ):

7. While unemployment continues to go down, the number of underemployed workers keeps rising.

affix\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_root \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

meaning (n , v , adj , adv ):

8. Wavelengths immediately above red are known as infrared, while those on the opposite end of the visible light spectrum are known as ultraviolet.

affix\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_root \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

meaning (n , v , adj , adv ):

affix\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_root \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

meaning (n , v , adj , adv ):

9. Intracellular structure is quite complex.

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meaning (n , v , adj , adv ):

10. The first live transatlantic satellite images were televised in 1963.

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meaning (n , v , adj , adv ):

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meaning (n , v , adj , adv ):

**Exercise 2.** Fill in the blanks with the words below.

downloads long-range undercover post-war

counterclockwise infrasound ultrasound oversaw

telecommunications replaying overruns upgrade

anti-inflation hyperinflation shutdown unforeseen

neonatal intercontinental

1. \_\_\_\_\_\_the tape over and over again, he noticed more and more errors.

2. \_\_\_\_\_\_ballistic missiles, or ICBMs, are \_\_\_\_\_\_missiles that carry nuclear warheads.

3. The police worked\_\_\_\_\_ for months, investigating the criminal organization.

4. Each time the satellite passes over the station it \_\_\_\_\_\_ its data.

5. We needed to turn the dial \_\_\_\_\_\_until we heard a click.

6. When inflation rates go over 100% it is called \_\_\_\_\_\_.

7. Earthquakes produce \_\_\_\_\_, which travels through the earth for long distances. Although people can’t hear sounds at such low frequencies, instruments can detect them.

8. The president personally \_\_\_\_\_\_\_the preparation of the treaty.

9. We decided to \_\_\_\_\_\_ the computers in our \_\_\_\_\_\_\_intensive care unit because the nurses need to be able to get more infor­mation on the babies and to get it quicker.

10. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_cost \_\_\_\_\_\_\_have led to the deepest losses the company has experienced in the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ era.