

Employment at Puffin Rest Cove

The prefixes **de-**, **dis-**, **re-**, **over-**, **im-** and **mis-** can change the meaning of a verb and make it negative.

Yasmin and Yuri do some of the housekeeping and cooking jobs at Puffin Rest Cove. Over coffee in the staff canteen, they are having a moan about all the things which have gone wrong or which are not right. Which prefix should go at the start of each word?

de- dis- re- over- im- mis-



Yasmin: I must ____mind Henry to ____charge the batteries on the alarm clocks. He made a dreadful ____take last week and ____read the instructions on a toaster which caught fire! It was very ____miss of him to ____obey my instructions! Those new chairs Doris ordered cause a great deal of ____comfort to the elderly guests. I really ____like them! Doris made a big ____take buying those! We'll have to ask Simon to ____pair that cupboard which has fallen into ____repair in room 14. It's ____possible for the guests to open! I've also got to ____prove those cushions in room 8.

Challenge

Time yourself. On how many of these words can you put the correct prefix in just one minute? Imagine you are then either Yuri or Yasmin and then put them all into a conversation about some more jobs which have gone wrong.

____miss	____mist	____bug	____pair
____cover	____read	____spent	____connect
____attach	____boil	____like	____mature
____patient	____brief	____turn	____play
____treat	____grace	____beat	____proper