

## Pearson ESOL | Level 2 | Word Formation Tasks

### Question 1

In the text below, two words have prefixes that change their meaning to the opposite of the original word.

In the text **circle** the **two** words this applies to.

### Learning to Ride a Bicycle

As a child, I never learned to ride a bike. You might think this is unusual, but there were a couple of other boys in my class who didn't ride bikes either. They just weren't interested. But it was different for me. I never learned to ride a bike because I never had one. My parents couldn't afford one, so I never had the opportunity.

Now I'm a father, I think it's essential that my child learns to ride a bike. Thankfully, I can now afford a bike for myself and my son. I'm going to teach him to ride a bike, but first I need to learn myself. At the age of 35, I've been going out after dark and wobbling up and down the street, while the neighbours watch and probably laugh. Local dog walkers give me odd, disapproving looks, but I don't care. Riding a bike may seem such an everyday thing, but I love the excitement of balancing on two wheels.

(2 marks)

### Question 2

In the text below, there are two adjectives made of a noun with a suffix.

In the text **circle** the two words this applies to.

For a long time, a cup of tea has been an important part of the way of life for people in the UK. However, these days, more and more people prefer coffee. We drink over 55 million cups of coffee a day, and it has become part of our lives. Some people say they are unable to start the day unless they have a cup of coffee. Coffee is a traditional part of many social occasions; people invite their friends for coffee, they stop work for a coffee break, and they relax over a cup of coffee after a long day.

Coffee can appeal to the senses. The smooth, warm smell of fresh coffee, the dark brown colour, and the rich, complex flavour all bring pleasure. Many foods are made with a coffee flavour, such as cakes, biscuits, cold drinks and desserts. However, for many people there is nothing quite as delightful as the taste of a good hot cup of coffee.

(2 marks)

**Question 3**

In the text below, two words have prefixes that change their meaning to the opposite of the original word.

In the text **circle** the two words this applies to.

### Holiday of a Lifetime

Most people, if asked to describe their holiday of a lifetime, might choose an expensive break abroad. It would therefore seem abnormal to say that a camping holiday in Scotland was the best break I'd ever had, but it was truly remarkable. I was sixteen at the time, and I will never forget it.

We travelled for three hours in my dad's old car. We had to stop half way to put some oil in it. I must admit I wasn't really looking forward to the holiday at all. It was raining when we arrived. The campsite was muddy, and I remember my mother standing, disinterested, as my father and I struggled with the tent.

Things took a turn for the better later that day when I struck up a friendship with the family in the tent next to us. On that holiday, I learned to play table tennis, chess and made some new friends. Many years later, I'm still excellent friends with the boys I met in Scotland. We now have our own young families and are all planning a holiday together. We are, of course, returning to Scotland next year.

(2 marks)

**Question 4**

In the text below, two words have prefixes that change their meaning to the opposite of the original word.

In the text **circle** the two words this applies to.

### A New Start

I moved to England several years ago. Instead of feeling overjoyed to arrive, I felt lost. It rained a lot and I missed my family. I was so unhappy that I thought about returning home. However, the town I moved to was pleasant.

The people were kind and I found a job that I liked in a bookshop.

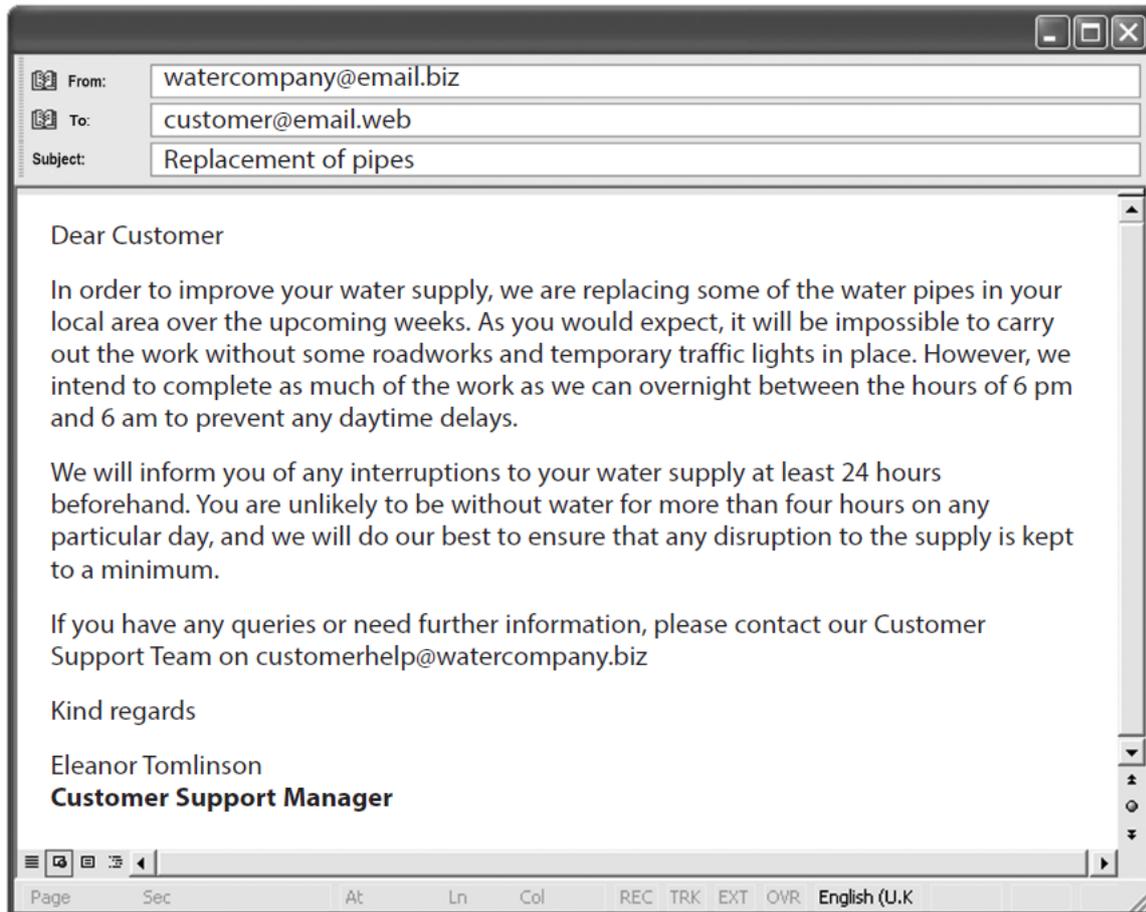
One day, as I waited at the bus stop after work, I saw an advert for a cycling club. It was years since I'd been on a bicycle, but I decided to buy a second hand one and give it a go. I was a little worried when I went to the first club meeting. I expected to feel foolish, but my worries soon disappeared when I found out that everyone was friendly. Cycling – and the people I met at the club – helped me feel at home in England.

(2 marks)

### Question 5

In the text below, two words have prefixes that change their meaning to the opposite of the original word.

In the text, **circle** the two words this applies to.



From: watercompany@email.biz  
To: customer@email.web  
Subject: Replacement of pipes

Dear Customer

In order to improve your water supply, we are replacing some of the water pipes in your local area over the upcoming weeks. As you would expect, it will be impossible to carry out the work without some roadworks and temporary traffic lights in place. However, we intend to complete as much of the work as we can overnight between the hours of 6 pm and 6 am to prevent any daytime delays.

We will inform you of any interruptions to your water supply at least 24 hours beforehand. You are unlikely to be without water for more than four hours on any particular day, and we will do our best to ensure that any disruption to the supply is kept to a minimum.

If you have any queries or need further information, please contact our Customer Support Team on customerhelp@watercompany.biz

Kind regards

Eleanor Tomlinson  
**Customer Support Manager**

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(2 marks)

**Mark Scheme**
**Q1**

2.6	Prefixes that change the meaning of words identified correctly: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>un</b>usual</li> <li>• <b>dis</b>approving</li> </ul> Award <b>one</b> mark for each identified correctly. Award a maximum of <b>two</b> marks.	2
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**Q2**

2.6	Adjectives made of a noun and a suffix identified correctly: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• traditional</li> <li>• delightful</li> </ul> Award <b>one</b> mark for each identified correctly.	2
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**Q3**

2.6	Prefixes that change the meaning of words identified correctly: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>ab</b>normal</li> <li>• <b>dis</b>interested</li> </ul> Award <b>one</b> mark for each identified correctly.	2
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**Q4**

2.6	Prefixes that change the meaning of words identified correctly: <b>un</b> happy <b>dis</b> appeared Award <b>one</b> mark for each identified correctly. Award a maximum of <b>two</b> marks.	2
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**Q5**

2.6	Prefixes that change the meaning of words identified correctly: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>im</b>possible</li> <li>• <b>un</b>likely.</li> </ul> Award <b>one</b> mark for each word identified correctly. Award a maximum of <b>two</b> marks.	2
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