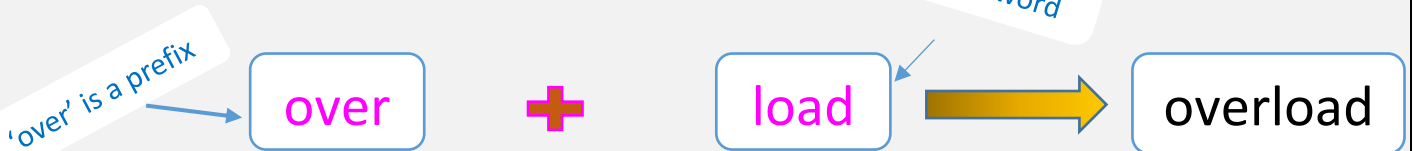


## Grammar: Prefixes – 'under' 'over' 'en' and 'em'

A **prefix** is a letter or group of letters that can be added to the **beginning** of a word to make a new word.



The spelling of the root word does not change when a prefix is added.

Prefixes can tell us useful information about a root word.

'over' – means too much

'under' – means too little

A. Add 'over' and 'under' to the sentences below to make sense.

I ..... slept today and was nearly late for school.

Our garden looks a mess – it's so ..... grown.

Work was stressful today because we were ..... staffed.

Deserts are usually .....populated areas of the world.

I hate it when trains are .....crowded.

Neil doesn't have the skills to do the job – he's .....qualified.

## Grammar: Prefixes – 'under' 'over' 'en' and 'em'

The prefixes 'en' and 'em' can sometimes mean 'to put into'

'em' is used instead of 'en' when the root word starts with a 'b' or 'p'

'em' is the prefix



embrace



'brace is the root

B. Add en- or em- to complete each word correctly.

.....bolden	.....courage	.....act
.....rage	.....pathise	.....power
.....danger	.....circle	.....force

C. Write a sentence with each of the words below.

oversized

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underrated

.....

entangled

.....

## ANSWERS

### A. Add 'over' and 'under' to the sentences below to make sense.

I **overslept** today and was nearly late for school.

Our garden looks a mess – it's so **overgrown**.

Work was stressful today because we were **understaffed**.

Deserts are usually **underpopulated** areas of the world.

I hate it when trains are **overcrowded**.

Neil doesn't have the skills to do the job – he's **underqualified**.

### B. Add en- or em- to complete each word correctly.

<b>em</b> bolden	<b>en</b> courage	<b>en</b> act
<b>en</b> rage	<b>em</b> pathise	<b>em</b> power
<b>en</b> danger	<b>en</b> circle	<b>en</b> force