

# English Class 6

*(Prefixes & Suffixes, Losing Chris part 1)*

**Class Notes**

# What are prefixes and suffixes?

Prefixes are common  
word **beginnings**

**prefix**  
**pre**view  
**pre**dict  
**pre**pare  
**pre**school

**pre-** = before

Suffixes are common  
word **endings**

nation  
ovation  
condemnation  
participation  
substitution

**-tion** = action, process

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remind

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**re**mind

forgett**able**

final**ly**

driv**er**

perfection**ist**

optim**ism**

funni**est**

grate**ful**

# Prefixes have meaning

**over-** = over, too much, past

**anti-** = against (also **a-**)

**mis-** = wrongly

**un-** = not (also **im-**, **in-**, **il-**, **ir-**)

**multi-** = many

**co-** = together

**re-** = again

**over**weight = weighing too much

**anti**social = against socializing

**mis**spell = spelled wrongly

**un**happy = not happy

**multi**purpose = having many purposes

**co**operate = operate together

**re**tell = tell again

# Suffixes also have meaning

Suffixes often indicate the part of speech

**-able** = able to do (also **-ible**) (*adjective*)

forgett**able** = able to forget

**-ly** = in this way (*adverb*)

sad**ly** = in a sad way

**-er** = one doing (also **-or**) (*noun*)

driv**er** = one driving (also **-or**)

**-less** = without (*adjective*)

effort**less** = without effort

**-en** = made of (*adjective*)

gold**en** = made of gold

**-est** = most (*adjective*)

funni**est** = most funny

**-ful** = full of (*adjective*)

grate**ful** = full of gratitude

# Other common prefixes

Of course there are more!

**in-** = inside

**ex-** = outside

**ex-** = former, previous

**under-** = under, not enough

**uni-** = one (also **mono-**)

**bi-** = two (also **duo-**)

**eco-** = related to the environment

**interior** = inside

**exterior** = outside

**ex-husband** = former husband

**underweight** = under, not enough

**unicycle** = one-wheeled vehicle

**bicycle** = two-wheeled vehicle

**eco-friendly** = friendly to the environment

# ...and other common suffixes

(These can also help you with parts of speech!)

**-tion** = action (also **-sion**) (*noun*)

graduation**tion** = action of graduating

**-ment** = action (*noun*)

agree**ment** = action of agreeing

**-ness** = state (*noun*)

happi**ness** = state of being happy

**-ity** = state (*noun*)

abili**ty** = state of being able

**-ive** = characteristic of (*adjective*)

talkati**ve** = characteristic of talking

**-y** = characteristic of (*adjective*)

moody**y** = characteristic of mood

**-ify** = make (*verb*)

liqui**fy** = make into a liquid



# Can you guess what these words mean?

Look at the prefixes and suffixes for help!

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# Now try this...

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1. I **am not able to manage** this company. This company is \_\_\_\_\_.
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# Now try this...

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# Ideas to Listen for

## Basic comprehension

- Who is Chris?
- How does **the narrator\*** describe Chris in the beginning?
- What are some things that happened to Chris?
- How does **the narrator\*** feel about Chris in the end?

*\*narrator = person telling the story*

I met Chris in the halls of the journalism department on our first day at school. Coincidentally, we were both reading the same 1)\_\_\_\_\_, gifts from friends before moving out to 2)\_\_\_\_\_. I was instantly drawn to his warmth, lively spirit, and sense of 3)\_\_\_\_\_, and we soon became inseparable.

In a lot of ways, we were complete  
4)\_\_\_\_\_. Everywhere I went, I felt out of place  
and tried my best to blend into the 5)\_\_\_\_\_.  
Chris, on the other hand, was always the  
6)\_\_\_\_\_ of attention. He was tall with a loud  
7)\_\_\_\_\_, the first in the room to ask a  
question or make a 8)\_\_\_\_\_. Everywhere he  
went, he made himself at home, which made  
everyone feel comfortable with him.

He'd been on his own for years and knew how to get things done. Chris helped me find my first job in San Francisco and 9)\_\_\_\_\_ me to my first boyfriend there. Just as it seemed we were both really settling into the city, he decided it was time for him to 10)\_\_\_\_\_ 11)\_\_\_\_\_. He really amazed me. He taught me not to fear 12)\_\_\_\_\_, and that wherever you went, you could set 13)\_\_\_\_\_ a new life for yourself and be okay.



Even though Chris moved 14)\_\_\_\_\_ a lot, we did our best to stay close. I visited him in Texas, Hawaii, and then Alaska. I 15)\_\_\_\_\_ him when he got engaged, and cried with him when the wedding was called 16)\_\_\_\_\_. I worried about him when he got sick. After he met someone new and moved yet again, however, he began to feel 17)\_\_\_\_\_ away. We began to talk less and less frequently, and when we did talk, our conversations became 18)\_\_\_\_\_.

Chris had always 19)\_\_\_\_\_ up in some unbelievable situations— one roommate went 20)\_\_\_\_\_ and was later murdered, his dog was kidnapped, he ended up in jail on the Fourth of July— and the stories he told me just seemed to get weirder. He was in a car 21)\_\_\_\_\_. He was robbed. His family wasn't speaking to him. At times, he was 22)\_\_\_\_\_, vulnerable, and scattered—nothing like the strong and 23)\_\_\_\_\_ Chris who could solve any problem that came his way. Still, at other times, he was the 24)\_\_\_\_\_ Chris I had always known and loved: hilarious, thoughtful, and adventurous.

Throughout these years, his calls to me became increasingly urgent and 25)\_\_\_\_\_. I would spend most of our calls just trying to understand his latest 26)\_\_\_\_\_ and reassuring him that everything would be okay. Because of the car accident, he wasn't able to work and would 27)\_\_\_\_\_ ask me for money, which I would send him. Then, when I would try to 28)\_\_\_\_\_ up with him to see how he was doing, it would be impossible to reach him, and during the months that passed, there would be nothing for me to do but 29)\_\_\_\_\_. I began to dread his phone calls.

# This Lesson

## Vocabulary Set 6

draw

sense of humor

opposite

out of place

on one's own

introduce

weird

rob

scatter

hilarious

urgent

stressful

crisis

reassure

dread

### phrasal verbs

set up

call off

follow up

# draw

noun	verb	adjective	adverb	other
draw (c)	<b>draw (vt)</b> drew (past) drawn (past participle)			

meaning: attract, cause to move closer

I was drawn to his warmth, lively spirit, and sense of humor.

The ad drew people's attention with a clever song.

Why do so many people play video games? What's the draw?

# sense of humor

noun	verb	adjective	adverb	other
<b>sense of humor (c)</b>				

meaning: ability to be funny or to find others funny

I was drawn to his warmth, lively spirit, and sense of humor.

Yolanda and I have similar senses of humor. We find the same things funny.

She has a great sense of humor. She can always make me laugh.

# opposite

noun	verb	adjective	adverb	other
<b>opposite (c)</b>	oppose (vt)	opposite opposing		opposite (preposition)

meaning: something that is completely different from something else

In a lot of ways, we were complete opposites.

Positive is the opposite of negative.

Everyone opposed his plan.

We sat on opposite sides of the table.

He sat opposite me at the table.

# out of place

noun	verb	adjective	adverb	other
		<b>out of place</b>		

meaning: like something / someone shouldn't be there

I always felt out of place.

The teenager felt out of place at his new school.

The badly dressed man seemed out of place at the ballet.



# on one's own

noun	verb	adjective	adverb	other
		on one's own	on one's own	

meaning: alone, independent(ly)

He'd been on his own for a long time.

She prefers to live on her own rather than have roommates.

I don't need help. I can do this on my own.

# introduce

noun	verb	adjective	adverb	other
introduction (c)	introduce (vt)	introductory		

meaning: make someone meet someone / something else for the first time

He introduced me to my first boyfriend.

We don't need an introduction. We're old friends.

I took an introductory biology course.

# weird

noun	verb	adjective	adverb	other
weirdness (nc)	weird out (vt) <i>separable</i>	weird	weirdly	

meaning: strange, unusual

The stories he told me just became weirder.

I didn't like that movie. The ending weirded me out.

The class was good, but weirdly, I was the only female.

rob

noun	verb	adjective	adverb	other
robber (person) robbery (action)	rob (vt)			armed robbery (robbery with a weapon)

meaning: to steal things from

He was robbed.

There was a robbery at the bank. The robbers got away with \$10 million.

They robbed the store at night.

# scatter

noun	verb	adjective	adverb	other
	scatter (vi, vt)	scattered		

meaning: spread randomly, put over a larger area

He was moody, vulnerable, and scattered. (meaning: his mind was in a lot of places)

The farmer scattered the vegetable seeds.

The robbers scattered when they heard the police coming.

# hilarious

noun	verb	adjective	adverb	other
hilarity (nc)		hilarious	hilariously	

meaning: very funny

He was the same Chris I had always known and loved:  
thoughtful, hilarious, and adventurous.

That movie was hilarious! I couldn't stop laughing.

# urgent

noun	verb	adjective	adverb	other
urgency (nc)		urgent	urgently	

meaning: needing immediate attention

His calls to me became increasingly urgent and stressful.

She said she had to talk to me urgently! I'm worried; it must be something important.

You don't have to hurry; it's nothing urgent.

# stressful

noun	verb	adjective	adverb	other
stress (nc)	stress (vt) stress out (vt) <i>separable</i>	stressful (cause) stressed, stressed out (effect)	stressfully	

meaning: causing stress, anxiety, and worry

His calls to me became increasingly urgent and stressful.

My new job is causing me a lot of stress.

Exams really stress me out! I can never sleep the night before a big exam.



# crisis

noun	verb	adjective	adverb	other
crisis (c) plural: crises				midlife crisis economic crisis humanitarian crisis

meaning: dangerous or stressful situation

I tried to understand his latest crisis and reassure him that everything would be okay.

The military created a political crisis when it kidnapped those soldiers.

My job is so stressful! It's one crisis after another.

# reassure

noun	verb	adjective	adverb	other
reassurance (nc)	reassure (vt)	reassured (effect) reassuring (cause)	reassuringly	

meaning: comfort emotionally

I tried to understand his latest crisis and reassure him that everything would be okay.

The president's speech during the crisis was very reassuring. Everyone felt better after hearing him.

# dread

noun	verb	adjective	adverb	other
dread (nc)	<b>dread</b> (vt)	dreadful	dreadfully	

meaning: to wait for something bad

I began to dread his phone calls.

I feel a sense of dread when the phone rings in the middle of the night.

This meal is absolutely dreadful! I can't eat it.

# set up

noun	verb	adjective	adverb	other
setup	set up (vi, vt) <i>separable</i>			

meaning: create or establish

Wherever you went, you could set up a new life for yourself and be okay.

We spent all afternoon setting up for the party.

I need to set up a new bank account.

## separable phrasal verbs

### with pronouns

pick up

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~~pick up me~~

point out

point **them** out

~~point out them~~

### with nouns

pick up

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pick up **Sam**

point out

point **the birds** out

point out **the birds**

# call off

noun	verb	adjective	adverb	other
	call off (vt) <i>separable</i>			

meaning: cancel

I cried with him when the wedding was called off.

Most college graduations were called off because of the coronavirus pandemic.

We had a date planned, but I had to call it off when I got sick.

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# follow up

noun	verb	adjective	adverb	other
follow-up	follow up (vi, vt) <i>inseparable</i>			follow up (with)

meaning: to check on a specific matter later

When I would try to follow up with him to see how he was doing, I wouldn't be able to reach him.

You should follow up with the woman who interviewed you for that job. Email her or call her.

He said we should have lunch, but then he never followed up with me.



# Let's Write!

## Use your new vocabulary.

- Write a sentence using each new vocabulary word.
- Summarize the week's reading in 1-2 sentences.
- Has a friend or family member ever started to act weirdly? What happened? How did it make you feel?
- Have you ever felt out of place? When? Why?

