

prediction - PO 1

All these words have prefix *pre-*. Practice reading these words.

1. preheat	prejudge	preshrunk
2. prevention	prediction	pretest
3. preelection	prekindergarten	prepaid
4. preparation	prepayment	preprint
5. preposterous	preproduction	presenter

- A. Circle the word in the first row that means *made smaller before*.
- B. Underline the word in the first row that describes what you would do to an oven.
- C. Circle the word in the second row that is synonymous with *the act of stopping something before it happens*.
- D. Underline the word in the second row that has to do with a future event.
- E. Circle the word in the third row that includes 3- and 4-year-old children.
- F. Underline the word in the third row that is the antonym of *postelection*.
- G. Circle the word in the fourth row that describes studying for an exam.
- H. Underline the word in the fourth row that is the antonym of *giving money later*.
- I. Circle the word in the fifth row that means *unbelievable*.
- J. Underline the word in the fifth row that is a person who shows or tells about something.

prediction - PO 2

Underline all the words with prefix *pre-*. Read the passage.

Groundhog Day Prediction

Many of us know that Groundhog Day is observed on February 2. However, many of us do not really understand what this preposterous occasion actually means. It is the day that the Groundhog awakes from his long winter nap and prepares to come out of his hole to look for his shadow. If he sees his shadow, then the legend or myth predicts that there will be six more weeks of bad weather, and the groundhog goes back into his hole. If the day is cloudy, he does not see his shadow. This is an omen, or sign, of spring, and the groundhog does not return to his hole.

This centuries-old legend comes from the early Christians in Europe, who celebrated Candlemas Day (February 2) with the appearance of the hedgehog. According to the old English saying:

If Candlemas be fair and bright,
Winter has another flight.
If Candlemas brings clouds and rain,
Winter will not come again.

In the state of Pennsylvania, the earliest settlers came from Germany, and the Germans decided that the groundhog, who resembled the hedgehog, would predict the coming of spring or the continuation of winter. And so began Punxsutawney Phil Groundhog Day.

Originally Phil's predictions were observed privately in the small town of Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania. Over the years, Phil has made many weather-related predictions and has gained much attention. In 1995, Phil appeared on the Oprah Winfrey Show, and in 2010 a mobile text service started to announce Phil's predictions. Unfortunately, the service is no longer available.