



PREFIX

UNDER

UNDERACHIEVE

to do less well than you could or should:

- Too many boys are underachieving at school.

UNDERESTIMATE

1) to think or guess that the amount, cost or size of something is smaller than it really is :

- We underestimated the time it would take to get there.

2) to not realize how good, strong, determined, difficult, etc. somebody/something really is:

- Never underestimate your opponent.

UNDERMINE

1) to make something or someone become gradually less effective, confident, or successful

- Recent changes have undermined teachers' morale.

2) to make something weaker at the base, for example by digging under it.

- The attackers got into the city by undermining the walls.

UNDERPLAY

to make something seem less important or serious than it really is:

- I think she's underplaying the significance of the report.
- We cannot underplay the role of small and medium-sized enterprises, which are the best motor for economies.

UNDERRATE

to not recognize how good, important, etc. somebody/something really is :

- He's seriously underrated as a writer.
- Don't underrate yourself.

UNDERTAKE

to make yourself responsible for sth and start doing it:

- University professors both teach and undertake research.
- The court will undertake a serious examination of the case.

UNDERCHARGE

to charge too little for something, usually by mistake:

- I was undercharged by £2.
- I bought a new sweater today, and I'm pretty sure they undercharged me by €10!

UNDERGO

to experience something that is unpleasant or something that involves a change:

- The company is undergoing a radical reorganization.
- My mother underwent major surgery last year.

UNDERPAY

to pay someone too little for the work they do:

- In an interview, the star said that the studio underpays and misuses him.
- The trades union complains that factory owners underpay their workers.

UNDERPIN

1) to support or form the basis of an argument, a claim, etc.

- The report is underpinned by extensive research.

2) to support something such as a wall by putting a strong piece of metal or concrete under it.

- Your house will need to be underpinned to stop it collapsing.

UNDERSTATE

to say that something is less important, serious, big etc than it really is:

- The report understated the social costs of the new development.

UNDERVALUE

to not recognize how important or valuable someone or something is:

- All too often, companies undervalue the contributions made by low-ranking workers.
- I think perhaps we've undervalued your talent.