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MY NAME IS SASHA DASH. SO YOU  
THINK YOUR BOSS IS **ATYPICAL**? YOU SEEM TO  
**MISINTERPRET** EVERYTHING HE OR SHE SAYS? THEN  
TRY WORKING FOR . . .

## Bill Klepper, Fat-Cat Wheeler-Dealer Billionaire



At 9:00 sharp I walked into the office. “Good morning,” I said. Bill Klepper didn’t answer. I tried again. “Good morning!”

“Dash,” he said, “I’ve decided to do away with *good morning* in this office. It wastes time and money. Do you realize that in the space of a single ‘good morning’ I could’ve earned over 32 thousand dollars?!”

“Amazing,” I said.

“You’re absolutely right it’s amazing,” he said. “Now let’s get to work. I want you to buy **PREFIXES** today.”

“Prefixes?” I asked. “Aren’t those the little things that come at the front of words?”

“That’s right,” he said. “And we’re going to buy them up until there’s a huge **imbalance** in the market. That way, every time someone uses a prefix—they’ll need to pay ME a royalty.”

I couldn’t **disagree** with the basic idea. It might be **ignoble**, but it was clever. Devilishly clever.

I made a list of **NOT** prefixes (prefixes that mean “no” or “not”). In theory, you should be able to combine prefixes and root words to make new words. But would it work?

To find out, complete the exercises. And keep in mind that Bill Klepper owns these prefixes. Every time you use one, he gets a big fat **KICKBACK**.

### “Not” Prefixes

a-	im-
dis-	in-
ig-	ir-
il-	mis-
un-	

### Root Words

noble  
balance  
popular  
typical  
exact  
agree  
interpret  
literate  
responsible

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**Use the root words from page 10 and the definitions in parentheses to make each word.**

1. a- + root = \_\_\_\_\_ (not average)
2. dis- + root = \_\_\_\_\_ (not share the same opinion)
3. ig- + root = \_\_\_\_\_ (not respectable)
4. il- + root = \_\_\_\_\_ (not able to read)
5. im- + root = \_\_\_\_\_ (not the same on both sides)
6. in- + root = \_\_\_\_\_ (not precise)
7. ir- + root = \_\_\_\_\_ (not dependable)
8. mis- + root = \_\_\_\_\_ (fail to understand)
9. un- + root = \_\_\_\_\_ (not well liked)

We started simple, with just a few prefixes.

Then we kept buying more and more of them. You can use these prefixes with the root words shown to make new words. But keep in mind: *if a word has a prefix, then Bill Klepper will someday own it!*

**"Together"**  
**Prefixes**

co-    cor-  
con-    sym-  
syn-

**More**  
**Root Words**

metric  
exist  
thesis  
descend  
respond

**Use the root words on this page and the definitions in parentheses to write each word.**

10. co- + root = \_\_\_\_\_ (be alive together)
11. con- + root = \_\_\_\_\_ (go down together to a lower level)
12. cor- + root = \_\_\_\_\_ (answer one another by writing)
13. sym- + root = \_\_\_\_\_ (balanced on both sides by measurement)
14. syn- + root = \_\_\_\_\_ (the combining of different things or ideas)

According to my calculations, we'll make millions on this, perhaps even billions. In fact, don't be surprised if in a few years **BILL KLEPPER HAS ALL THE MONEY IN THE WORLD!** It could happen. Stay tuned.

**GOING BEYOND**

Using the new vocabulary words from this activity, write a letter to Mr. Klepper telling what you think of his scheme.

# Answer Key

**Bill Klepper, Fat-Cat Wheeler-Dealer**

**Billionaire (page 10)**

1. atypical
2. disagree
3. ignoble
4. illiterate
5. imbalance
6. inexact
7. irresponsible
8. misinterpret
9. unpopular
10. coexist
11. condescend
12. correspond
13. symmetric
14. synthesis