

Sample Lesson

microsecond

Mighty Micro

Micro means “little”;
It’s the prefix of the day.
Look in the dictionary
For words that start that way.

A microscope is a tool
To look at tiny creatures.
The lenses magnify them
So you can see their features.

microquake
microfossil

microwave

microcamera

A microbe is a being
That is so miniature
You’ll need a microscope
That’s powerful and sure.

So now, you tell the meaning
(And do your very best)
Of microorganism.
Your folks will be impressed!

microfilm

microbus

microgravity

This prefix is quite easy
As you can plainly see.
Micro may be small,
But certainly, it’s mighty!



1. Study the words around the poem. Write the word that matches each clue.

- a short electromagnetic wave _____
- stores images on a small scale _____
- one millionth of a second _____
- very low intensity tremor _____
- takes photos of tiny objects _____

2. Choose the word that names a living thing.

microbe microscope microphone

3. Match each prefix with its meaning.

A) *re-* B) *pre-* C) *un-* D) *micro-*

_____ not _____ before _____ small _____ again

4. What is another way to say this? “Your folks will be impressed.”

- A) Americans will think poorly of you.
- B) People will be frightened.
- C) Your parents will think you are smart.
- D) It is wrong to make fun of people.

5. Which three are synonyms?

tiny comical miniature gigantic small

6. Which two are antonyms?

funny magnify shrink magical

7. Look at the underlined part. Write C for *cause* or E for *effect*.

_____ Microbes are tiny, so scientists use microscopes to study them.

_____ Because of the invention of the microscope, people can study microbes and find cures for diseases.

