

Hyphens to join prefixes

Hyphens can be used to join a prefix to a root word, often if the prefix **ends** with a vowel and the root word **starts** with a vowel.

This makes the word easier to read and to understand.

For example, *co-ordinate* can be read and understood more easily than *coordinate*.

Other examples include: *co-operate*, *re-enter*, *co-own*.

Life On The Road

Stephanie Wan tells us what life is like as a tour manager for a band.

I've been a tour manager for a well known band for the last ten years and I love it!

Not only do I get to experience live music every night, but I get to travel the world. It's my job to **co-ordinate** all the gig venues and dates for the performances.

I have to make sure that everyone, from the musicians to the caterers, **co-operates** and that **no-one** is left behind! We travel on a large tour bus, which I **co-own** with my partner, Dave, who is a songwriter. He is the **co-author** of many of the band's songs.

The hardest part of my job is the security. For example, when an audience member leaves the venue, they aren't allowed to **re-enter**.

Sometimes this can cause problems and our bouncers often have to **re-explain** the rules. If you want to follow in my footsteps, you need to be proactive.

Go and see lots of live music and get to know the musicians. Ask if they need a hand – you never know – they might **re-evaluate** their tour plans and invite you along!



Focus words

co-ordinate

co-operate

no-one

co-own

co-author

re-enter

re-explain

re-evaluate