

# Prefixes

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Prefix	Meaning	Example
<b>non-</b>	not; lacking; without	nondairy, nonfiction, nonsense, nonstick
<b>pre-</b>	before; in front of; superior to	precook, predict, preface, pretest
<b>re-</b>	again; back; reverse the action of	redo, rerun, return, review
<b>mis-</b>	bad; badly; wrongly	misbehave, misguided, misspelled, mistake
<b>un-</b>	not; the opposite of	unable, uncover, unknown, untrue



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<b>anti-</b>	against; opposed to; preventing or counteracting	antibacterial, antidote; antifreeze, antisocial
<b>auto-</b>	self	autocracy, autograph, automatic, automobile,
<b>deca-</b>	ten	decade, decameter, decathlon
<b>mono-</b>	one; alone; single	monogram, monolith, monologue, monopoly
<b>oct-, octa-, octo-</b>	not; the opposite of	octave, octet, octogenarian, octopus



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<b>bi-</b>	two; twice; on two sides; occurring every two;	bicycle, bilingual, bisect, biweekly
<b>co-,col-, com-,con-, cor-</b>	to gether with; joint; to the same degree	copilot, collate, communication, correlate
<b>de-</b>	from; down; reverse the action of	debrief, demerit, decrease, derail
<b>deci-</b>	one-tenth	decibel, decimal, deciliter, decimeter
<b>dis-</b>	not; opposite of; lack of; away from	disbelieve, discharge, disconnect, dislike



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<b>equa-, equi-</b>	equal; equally	equation, equator, equinox, equitable
<b>em-, en-</b>	put into or on; cover; make; subject to; intensifier	embark, empower, enable, endanger
<b>ex- (with hyphen)</b>	former	ex-mayor, ex-senator, ex-president, ex-wife
<b>e-, ex-</b>	out; beyond; away from; without	eject, emit, excavate, exceed, exclude, exhale
<b>il-, im-, in-, ir-</b>	not; lack of	impartial, immature, insecure, irregular



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<b>im-, in-</b>	in; into; within	immerse, immigrate, inborn, income
<b>inter-</b>	between	interact, intercoastal, intermingle, interstate
<b>intra-</b>	within; inside	intramural, intradermal, intrastate, intravenous
<b>mal-</b>	bad; badly; wrong; ill	malcontent, malady, malaise, malaria
<b>multi</b>	many	multilingual, multimillionaire, multiform, multiple



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<b>ob-, oc-, of-, op-</b>	before; against; over; totally	object, occur, offer, oppose
<b>per-</b>	through; throughout; completely; very thoroughly	perfect, perform, permeate, permit
<b>post-</b>	after; later	posterior, posthumous, postpone, postwar
<b>pro-</b>	for; forward	progress, promote, pronounce, propose
<b>sub</b>	under; beneath; to a lesser degree, bordering	sublet, submerge, substandard, subway



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<b>super-</b> <b>supr-</b>	above; beyond; over	superhighway, superscript, supersonic, supreme
<b>trans-</b>	across; over; beyond	transact, transfer, translate, transportation
<b>tri-</b>	three	triceps, tricycle, trillion, tristate
<b>uni-</b>	one;only	uniform, unity, unique
<b>by-</b>	near; side; secondary or incidental to the main product	bylaw, bypass, byproduct, byway



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<b>fore-</b>	before; ahead of; front	forearm, forecast, foretell, forewarn
<b>mid-</b>	middle	midnight, midpoint, midterm, midway
<b>over-</b>	above; over; upper; outer; superior; passing above, beyond, or across; too much	overcharge, overdue, overflow, oversee
<b>self-</b>	by oneself; within; automatic	self-confidence, selfish, self-made, self-winding
<b>under-</b>	beneath; too little; below normal	underage, underneath, underwater, underweight