

Frequently Used Prefixes

| Prefix | Meaning | Example |
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| A, an | Without, not | Atypical, anarchy |
| Ab | Away from | Absent, abnormal |
| Ad | Toward | Advance, administer |
| Ambi, amphi | Both, around | Ambiguous, amphibious |
| Anno | Year | Annual |
| Anti, contra, ob | Against | Antisocial contradict |
| Bene, eu | Well, good | Benefactor, eulogy |
| Bi, du, di | Two or twice | Bicycle, duet, dichotomy |
| Cata, cath | Down, downward | Catacombs |
| Cent, hector | Hundred | Centipede |
| Con, com, syn | With, together | Congregate, synthesis |
| De | Down, from | Depose, detract |
| Dec, deca | Ten | Decade |
| Demi, hemi, semi | Half | Hemisphere, semicircle |
| Dia | Through | Diameter, diagram |
| Dis, un | Ill, hard | Dystrophy |
| Ex | Out from | Exhale, expel |
| Extra | Beyond, outside | Extralegal |
| Hyper | Above, excessive | Hyperactive |
| Hypo | Under | Hypodermic |
| Il, im, in | Not | Illogical, impossible |
| Im, in | In, into | Inside, insert, import |
| Infra | Lower | Infrared |
| Inter | Between | Intercede, interrupt |
| Intra | Within | Intramural |
| Juxta | Next to | Juxtaposition |
| Mal, mis | Wrong, ill | Malformed, mislead |
| Mill | Thousand | Milligram |
| Nove, non | Nine | Novena, nonagon |
| Oct, octo | Eight | Octopus |
| Omni, pan | All | Omnipotent, pantheist |
| Per, | Through | Perennial, pervade |
| Peri, circum | Around | Perimeter, circumvent |
| Poly, multi | Many | Polygamy, multiply |
| Post | After | Postscript |
| Pre, ante | Before | Prepared, antebellum |
| Pon, pos | To place | Depose, position |
| Port | To carry | Porter, portable |
| Pseudo | False | Pseudonym |
| Pyr | Fire | Pyromaniac |
| Psysh | Mind | Psychology |
| Quir | To ask | Inquire, acquire |
| Rog | To question | Interrogate |
| Scrib, graph | To write | Prescribe, autograph |
| Sect, seg | To cut | Dissect, segment |
| Sol | Alone | Solitude |