

Earth Science Prefix / Suffix Table

Prefix or Suffix	Meaning	Example
A, an	Without, not	Asexual, amoral anarchy, anhydrous
Ab, abs, a	Apart, away from	Aphelion, abnormal, abduct
Ad	Toward	Adhere, adductor (muscle).
Aero	Air, gas	Aerosol, aerospace
Amphi, ambi,	Around, both	Amphitheater, ambidextrous, ambivalent
Ante	Before	Antedate, anteroom, antecedent, anterior
Anthro	Man	Anthropology, anthropomorphic
Anti	Against	Anticyclone, antipathy, anticlimax
Apo	Away, separate	Aphelion
Aqua	Water	Aquarium, aqueous
Archos	Ancient	Archeology, archetype, archaic, archezoic
Audio	Hear	Audiophile, audiometer, auditory
Auto	Self	Automatic, automaton, auto-immune
Baro	Weight; pressure	Barometer
Bene	Well, favorable,	Benefit, benevolent, benefactor, beneficent
Bi	Two	Bi-partisan, biennial, binary, bicuspid, bivalve
Bio	Life	Biology, bioclastic, biography, bio-active
Caco	Bad	Cacophony
Chromo	Color	Chromatic
-cide	Kill	Homicide, genocide, germicidal, ecocide,
Circum	Around	Circumference, circumnavigate
Clast	Broken	Clastic, Bioclastic
Con, com	Together	Convergent
Corpus	Body	Corpse, corporeal punishment
-cracy	Rule	Democracy, theocrat, technocracy
De	Away	Dehydration
Demos	People	Democracy, demographic
Dendro	Tree	Dentritic
-derm	Skin	Ectoderm
Di	Two, double	Dimorphism, dicotyledon, diatomic
Dia	Across, through	Diagonal, dialectic, dialogue, diagnosis
Epi	Upon, over	Epicenter
Equi	Equal; equally	Equinox
Ex	Out	Extrusion, exterior, exoskeleton
Geo	Earth	Geology, geography, geocentric,
Hetero	Mixed, unlike	Heterogeneous
Helio	Sun	Heliocentric, aphelion
Homo	Same, alike	Homogeneous, homonid, homeostasis
Hydro	Water	Hydrosphere
Infra	Inferior to, below	Infrared
Iso	Equal	Isoline
Inter	Between	Interface, interstellar, interpolate
Intra	Within	Intracellular
Latus	Broad, wide	Latitude