

The Learning Center

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Vocabulary

Word Parts - Prefixes

PREFIX

MEANING

SAMPLE WORDS

Prefixes referring to amount or number:

mono/uni	one	monocle/unicycle
bi/di/du	two	bimonthly, divorce
tri	three	triangle
quad	four	quadrant
quint/pent	five	quintet, pentagon
deci	ten	decimal
centi	hundred	century
milli	thousand	milligram
micro	small	microscope
multi/poly	many	multipurpose, polygon
semi	half	semicircle
equi	equal	equidistant

Prefixes meaning "not" (negative)

a	not	asocial
anti	against	antiwar
contra	against, opposite	contradict
dis	apart, away, not	disagree
in/il/ir/im	not	incorrect, illogical, irreversible, impossible
mis	wrongly	misunderstood
non	not	nonfiction
un	not	unpopular
pseudo	false	pseudonym

Reading: Vocabulary—Prefixes