PREFIXES & SUFFIXES

1. PREFIXES

Prefix	Mainly added to	Usual meaning	Examples
anti-	adj/noun	against	antibiotic, anti-war
auto-	adj/noun	self	automatic, autobiography
bi-	adj/noun	two	bilingual, bicycle
co-	verb/noun	together/with	co-operate, co-pilot
de-	adj/verb/noun	not, opposite	decrease, disagree,
e-	noun	computer, internet	
eco-	adj / noun	environment	eco-friendly, eco-tourism
en-	noun/adj	put in	endanger, enrich, enable
ex-	noun	former	ex-president
extra-	adj	exceptional/outside	extra-special, extraordinary
fore-	verb/noun	before	forecast, foreknowledge
in-	past participle	badly	ill-defined, ill-mannered
in-	adj/ noun	not, opposite	incomplete, incorrect,
im-	adj/ noun	not, opposite	impossible, impartial
il-	adj/ noun	not, opposite	illegal, illogical
ir-	adj/ noun	not, opposite	irregular, irresponsible
inter-	adj/verb	between, among	international, interfere
mid-	noun	in the middle of	mid-December, mid-afternoon
mis-	verb/noun	wrongly	misunderstand, misconduct
monoa-	adj/noun	one	monogamous, monorail
multi-	adj/noun	many	multilingual, multi-purpose
non-	adj/ noun	not(ly)	non-stretch, non-fiction
non-	noun/adj	not	non-smoker, non-returnable
out-	verb/noun	better than/ than	outlive, outnumber
over-	adj/verb	too much	over-confident, overcook
post-	adj/noun	after	post-mortem, postwar
pre-	adj/noun	before	premarital, preheat
pseudo-	adj	false	pseudo-academic
re-	verb/noun	again, back	rewrite, rebuild
semi-	adj/noun	half	semi-circle, semi-finals
sub-	adj/noun	below	subtitle, subway
super-	adj/noun/verb	more than, special	superhuman, superimpose
un-	adj / verb/noun	not, opposite	unfair, unexpected
under-	verb/adj/noun	too little	underdeveloped, under-developed
vice-	noun	deputy	vice-chairman

2. SUFFIXES THAT FORM NOUNS

Suffix	Mainly added to	Usual meaning	Examples
-age	verb	instance of	breakage, drainage
-al	verb	instance of	refusal, trial, arrival
-ance, -ence	adj/verb	process/state of	performance, experience
-ation	verb	process/state of	exploration, organisation
-ee, -er, -or	verb	person/thing that	employee, worker,