

PREFIXES

Prefix	Meaning	Example(s)
ad, ad ag, at	to, toward, at	advent, accrue, aggressive, attract, accede, admit
a, ab, aba	away from	amoral, absent, abacus
an	without	anarchy
ante	before	antedate, anteroom
anti	against, opposite	antipathy, antidote
arc, arch	chief, rule, great	archduke, arcade
auto	self, oneself, alone	automatic, autobiography, autocrat
be, by	by, about	beside, behoove, bypass
bene	well	beneficient
bi	two	bicameral, bicycle, bi-monthly
bio	life	biology
cir	round	circle
circum	about, around, on all sides	circumspect, circumference
com, con, col, co	together, with	committee, convert, collect, cooperate
coun, contra	against	counterclaim, contradict
de	from, down	depart, deride, demote
di, dia, dis	apart, from	divert, diameter, distract
dua, duo, dup	two	dual, duodenum, duplicate
e, ex, ef	out, out of, from	event, emit, exit, effect
en, in	into	enter, inscribe

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extra	beyond, over and above	extraordinary, extracurricular
in	between, in, within	into
in, im, il, ir, un	not	inept, impossible, illicit, irresponsible, unnecessary
in, intra, intro	within, into, between	instance, intramural, introduce
inter	between, among	interpose, interfere, interrupt
mal	bad	malcontent, malady
micro	small, little	microscope
mis	wrong, negative	misnomer, mislead, misdeed
mono	one, single	monotone, monoxide
multi	many	multiply
non, ne	not	nonentity, never, nonsense
ob, op	against	obstacle, oppose, opposite
pan	all	Pan-American, pana vision
per	by, through, thoroughly	periscope, permit, permeate
poly	many	polytheism, polygot
post	after	post-mortem, postdate
pre	before	premonition, precede
pro	forward, to	propose, process
re, red, retro	again, back	review, redress, retrograde
se	apart	seduce, secede
semi, hemi, demi	half	semicircle, hemisphere, demitasse

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sub, sup	under	subvert, suppose, submarine
sui	self	suicide
super, sum, suprem	above, over	superimpose, summit, supreme
tele	from afar	television, telescope
tract	pull, draw	traction
trans	across	transpose, transport
tri	three	tricycle, triple
ultra	above, beyond, greater than	ultramodern, ultrasonic
uni	one, single	uniform, unify
vice	in place of	vice-president