

## Reading Strategy: PREFIXES

**A prefix is placed at the beginning of a word to modify or change its meaning** by adding particular meaning to the word to which they are attached.

This is a list of some of the most common prefixes in English.

Read the text carefully and find examples for the blanks in the following table.

| Prefix      | Meaning    | Example               | Prefix                              | Meaning       | Example               |
|-------------|------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------|-----------------------|
| a-, non-    | without    | anoxic                | ex-                                 | out, previous | extract               |
| ab-         | away, from | abnormal              | hemi-                               | half          | hemisphere            |
| ante-       | before     | antecedent            | hyper                               | more          | hyperactive           |
| anti-, ant- | opposite   | antibiotic            | un-, in-,<br>im-, il-, ir-,<br>dis- | negation      | <b>unexpected</b>     |
| com-, con-  | jointly    | converse              | inter-                              | between       | international         |
| de-         | down       | decrease              | pre-                                | before        | <b>prescribe</b>      |
| infra-      | beneath    | <b>infrastructure</b> | re-                                 | again         | <b>reconstruction</b> |
| un-         | negation   | unimportant           | under-                              | below         | underdeveloped        |