

PREFIX	MEANING	EXAMPLES
ante-	before	antenatal, anteroom, antedate
anti-	against, opposing	antibiotic, antidepressant, antidote
circum-	around	circumstance, circumvent, circumnavigate
co-	with	co-worker, co-pilot, co-operation
de-	off, down, away from	devalue, defrost, derail, demotivate
dis-	opposite of, not	disagree, disappear, disintegrate, disapprove
em-, en-	cause to, put into	embrace, encode, embed, enclose, engulf
epi-	upon, close to, after	epicentre, episcopate, epidermis
ex-	former, out of	ex-president, ex-boyfriend, exterminate
extra-	beyond, more than	extracurricular, extraordinary, extra-terrestrial
fore-	before	forecast, forehead, foresee, foreword, foremost
homo-	same	homosexual, homonuclear, homoplastic
hyper-	over, above	hyperactive, hyperventilate

il-, im-, in-, ir-	not	impossible, illegal, irresponsible, indefinite
im-, in-	into	insert, import, inside
infra-	beneath, below	infrastructure, infrared, infrasonic, infraspecific
inter-, intra-	between	interact, intermediate, intergalactic, intranet
macro-	large	macroeconomics, macromolecule
micro-	small	microscope, microbiology, microfilm, microwave
mid-	middle	midfielder, midway, midsummer
mis-	wrongly	misinterpret, misfire, mistake, misunderstand
mono-	one, singular	monotone, monobrow, monolithic
non-	not, without	nonsense, nonentity, nondescript
omni-	all, every	omnibus, omnivore, omnipotent
para-	beside	parachute, paramedic, paradox
post-	after	post-mortem, postpone, post-natal
pre-	before	prefix, predetermine, pre-intermediate

re-	again	return, rediscover, reiterate, reunite
semi-	half	semicircle, semi-final, semiconscious
sub-	under	submerge, submarine, sub-category, subtitle
super-	above, over	superfood, superstar, supernatural, superimpose
therm-	heat	thermometer, thermostat, thermodynamic
trans-	across, beyond	transport, transnational, transatlantic
tri-	three	triangle, tripod, tricycle
un-	not	unfinished, unfriendly, undone, unknown
uni-	one	unicycle, universal, unilateral, unanimous

Suffix	Meaning	Example	
-ee	individual does something	referee, employee, trustee, retiree	
-eer	engaged in something, associated with something	auctioneer, volunteer, engineer, profiteer	
-er	someone who performs an action	helper, teacher, preacher, dancer	
-ion	the action or process of	celebration, opinion, decision, revision	
-ism	theory, act or belief	criticism, humanism, professionalism, patriotism	
-ity	the state or condition of	probability, equality, abnormality, civility	
-ment	the action or result of	movement, retirement, abandonment, establishment	
-ness	a state or quality	fondness, awareness, kindness, darkness	
-or	a person who is something	distributor, investigator, translator, conductor	
-sion	state or being	depression, confusion, tension, compulsion	
-ship	position held	worship, ownership, courtship, internship	
-th	state or quality	strength, labyrinth, depth, warmth	

-able, -ible	capable of being	preventable, adaptable, predictable, credible
-al	pertaining to	theatrical, natural, criminal, seasonal
-ant	inclined to or tending to	vigilant, defiant, brilliant, reliant
-ary	of or relating to	budgetary, planetary, military, honorary
-ful	full of or notable of	grateful, beautiful, wonderful, fanciful
-ic	relating to	iconic, organic, heroic, poetic
-ious, -ous	having qualities of	gracious, cautious, humorous, fabulous
-ive	quality or nature of	creative, expensive, expressive, preventive
-less	without something	hopeless, faultless, fearless, restless
-y	made up of or characterized by	brainy, fruity, tasty, grouchy