

Prefix Reference List

Negative Prefixes	Meaning	Example
anti-	against	antibiotic-against life/bacteria.
de-	opposite	defrost- taking frost off, the opposite of frost.
dis-	not	dislike- to not like something.
in-, im-	not	insecure- not secure immature- not mature
il-	not	illegal- not legal
ir-	not	irresponsible- not responsible
mis-	wrong	misunderstand- to understand wrongly
non-	not	non-smoking- not smoking.
un-	not	unable- not able
Directional Prefixes	Meaning	Example
in-, im-	in	in import- carry in
fore-	before	forecast- to say the weather before it happens
inter-	between	interact- to act in between two people
mid-	middle	midnight- middle of the night
over-	over	over
pre-	before	prepay- to pay before
re-	back again	return- to turn back replay- to play again
sub-	under	submarine- a type of ship that is under the sea.
under-	under	under
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Intensifying Prefixes	Meaning	Example
Intensifying Prefixes super-	Meaning above	superhero- above or over a regular hero.

References Consulted

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