



TOEFL Vocabulary

The Essential Word Parts List



Essential Prefixes (54)

Group 1 - Location and Movement

1. **ab** - *away from, down* - abandon, abstain, abnormal, absurd, abominable
2. **ad** - *at, towards* - admire, adapt, adjacent, admonish, adversary
3. **circum** - *to go around, circle* - circumvent, circumstance, circumstantial, circumference, circumcise
4. **con-/co-/com-/col** - *together* - collect, company, concentrate, converge, coexist
5. **dia** - *through, across* - dialogue, diachronic, diameter, diatribe, diagram
6. **equi** - *equal* - equidistant, equity, equilibrium, equinox, equivalent.
7. **ex** - *out of, not* - exposure, exaggerate, exonerate, exude, exclusion
8. **fore** - *front, in advance* - foreground, forearm, forecast, foreclose, foreshadow
9. **in** - *in, on, not* - inception, intone, insinuate, incorrect, inaccurate
10. **inter** - *among, between* - interaction, intercept, intermediate, interject, international
11. **para** - *beside, irregular, beyond* - paramedic, paranormal, paragraph, paraphrase, paranoid
12. **per** - *thoroughly, through* - perceive, persist, peruse, persevere
13. **peri** - *about, around, near* - periodical, periscope, perimeter, peripheral
14. **pro** - *before, forward* - procession, proficiency, prominent, prologue, prognosis
15. **sub** - *under, below, slightly imperfect* - subatomic, subconscious, subdivide, subjugate, submission
16. **syn-/sym** - *with, together* - sympathetic, synergy, synonym, symbiotic, symmetrical
17. **tele** - *afar, at a distance* - telecast, telecommunication, telephone, telescope, television
18. **trans** - *through, across, beyond* - transcript, transfer, transcendence, transport, transaction

Group 2 - Numbers

1. **bi-/du** - *two* - duplicate, dual, bisexual, biweekly, bipolar
2. **cent** - *100* - centenarian, century, centigrade, centimeter, centipede
3. **mill** - *1000* - millennium, milliliter, milligram, millennial, millipede
4. **mono** - *one* - monochrome, monotone, monogamy, monopolize, monotheism
5. **multi** - *more than one* - multicellular, multicultural, multimillionaire, multitask, multifaceted
6. **poly** - *many* - polyglot, polygamy, polyphonic, polytheism, polygon
7. **quad** - *four* - quad, quadriplegic, quadrangle, quadruplet, quadriceps
8. **tri** - *three* - tricycle, tripod, trio, trimester, triad
9. **uni** - *one, together* - unicorn, unicycle, unify, uniform, universal

Group 3 - Negatives

1. **anti** - *against, opposite of* - antidepressant, antitrust, antiwar, antidote, antisocial
2. **contra** - *against, in opposition of* - contraband, contraceptive, contrast, contrarian, contradiction
3. **dis** - *away from, the reverse effect* - disable, disadvantage, disarm, displace, disrupt
4. **il-/im-/in-/ir** - *not, opposite of* - illegal, imbecile, irregular, inability, inconsistent, illogical
5. **mal** - *wrong, badly* - malefic, malcontent, malpractice, malnourished, malevolent
6. **mis** - *wrong, incorrect* - misjudge, mislead, misprint, mistreat, misfortune



7. **non** - *not* - nonchalant, noncompliant, nonexistent, nonrenewable, nonfiction

8. **un** - *negative, opposite force* - unacceptable, uneasy, unhinged, unrealistic, unspeakable

Group 4 - Academics

1. **astro** - *the stars, outer space* - asteroid, astrology, astrolabe, astronaut, astrophysicist

2. **geo** - *earth* - geometry, geothermal, geography, geolocation, geometric

3. **hydro** - *water* - hydroelectric, hydrometer, hydrophobia, hydropathic, hydrodynamic

4. **neur** - *nerves, nervous system* - neuron, neurological, neuropathy, neurosis, neurosurgeon

5. **psych** - *mind, spirit, that which breathes* - psychedelic, psychic, psycho, psychosis, psychotic

6. **socio** - *social, society* - sociocultural, socioeconomic, sociolinguistic, sociopolitical, sociopath

Group 5 - More Prefixes

1. **ana** - *back, again, upwards* - anagram, analogy, anatomy, anachronism, analyze

2. **auto** - *by oneself, itself* - autobiography, autocracy, autograph, automatize, autonomy

3. **em, en** - *to cause to be in, to confine* - embark, embezzle, entourage, enjoin, encroach

4. **hyper** - *over, exaggeration* - hyperactive, hyperbolic, hyperlink, hypertension

5. **meta** - *after, change, beyond* - metamorphosis, metaphysical, metadata, metabolism, metaphor

6. **neo** - *new* - neologism, neolithic, neofascist, neon, neonate

7. **over** - *more than usual, too much* - overcooked, overachiever, overeducated, overdose, overslept

8. **pan** - *all* - pandemic, panorama, Pangea, pan, panacea

9. **post** - *after* - postmortem, postmodernism, posterity, postscript, postseason

10. **pre** - *before* - precaution, preconditioned, predestination, preordain, preview

11. **re** - *back, again* - rebuild, recall, recede, reflect, reconsider

12. **super** - *above, beyond* - superimpose, superlative, supernova, superstar, superrich

13. **ult** - *last, beyond* - ultraconservative, ultrasound, ultimatum, ultimate, ulterior



Essential Roots (121)

Group 1 - The King's Job

1. **arch** - *rule* - hierarchy, arch, matriarch, monarch, patriarch, oligarch
- 2. **bat** - *beat* - bakery, debate, combatant, debatable, battalion
3. **bell, belli** - *war, fighting* - antebellum, bellicose, rebel, belligerent, rebellion, bellow
4. **cap, cept** - *taken, seized* - caption, captivity, preconception, inception, contraceptive
5. **crit, crim** - *separate, judge* - discriminate, criminal, criminate, criticize, hypocritical
6. **dyn** - *power* - dynasty, aerodynamic, hydrodynamic, dynamite, dynamo
7. **fort** - *strong* - fortification, reinforce, effortless, fortify, fortitude
- 8. **judic** - *judge* - adjudicate, injudicious, judgment, misjudge, prejudice
9. **mand** - *order* - demand, mandatory, reprimand, commander, mandate
10. **part** - *part, divide* - counterpart, depart, compartmentalize, department, apart
11. **prehens** - *take hold of, seize* - apprehension, comprehend, reprehensible, incomprehensible
12. **rect, reg** - *ruled, guided* - directed, incorrect, rectify, erect, regime
- 13. **serv** - *serve* - observe, reservation, preservative, conserve, servant
- 14. **termin** - *boundary, end* - indeterminate, exterminate, terminology, terminable, interminable
15. **val** - *be strong, be of value* - ambivalent, devalue, equivalent, valorous, convalescent

Group 2 - The Teacher's Job

1. **act** - *drive to do* - active, reactionary, counteract, radioactive, exact
2. **cit** - *moved up, stirred, start* - incite, recite, excite, resuscitate, recital
3. **dem** - *people* - demagogue, pandemic, demographic, endemic, epidemic
4. **dict** - *say, speak* - edict, dictate, dictator, addictive, predict, contradict
5. **doc** - *teach* - document, doctor, indoctrinate, undocumented, documentary
6. **duc** - *lead* - conductor, counterproductive, reductive, abduct, product
- 7. **join, junct** - *join* - conjoin, enjoin, disjointed, conjunction, injunction
8. **ord** - *order, row, series* - subordinate, uncoordinated, inordinate, preordain, disorder
9. **pel, puls** - *drive, urge* - dispel, repel, compelling, compulsive, impulse
10. **phil** - *love* - philanthropist, bibliophile, anglophile, philander, technophile
11. **sequ** - *follow, order* - sequester, obsequious, sequential, subsequent, inconsequential
12. **soph** - *wise* - sophist, philosopher, sophomoric, unsophisticated, sophistry

Group 3 - The Student's Job

1. **cis** - *cut* - incise, exercise, decisive, scissors, concise
- 2. **clam, claim** - *to cry out* - clamorous, disclaim, exclamation, proclaim, acclaim
- 3. **gen** - *produce* - indigenous, progeny, carcinogen, pathogen, gene, allogenic
4. **grad, gress** - *step* - graduation, undergraduate, gradient, retrograde, progress
- 5. **graph, gram** - *write* - demographic, cartography, calligraphy, telegram, epigram
- 6. **lect** - *gather* - eclectic, collection, neglect, electable, selective



- 7. **log, logo** - *word, study of* - logic, logistics, chronological, prologue, pathological
- 8. **nounce, nunc** - *message* - enunciate, renounce, renunciation, announcement, mispronounce
- 9. **put** - *think, consider* - input, dispute, undisputed, repute, deputy□
- 10. **quisit, quest, quir** - *seek, ask* - requisite, acquisition, question, quest, inquire, enquiry□
- 11. **script, scrib** - *write* - description, circumscription, prescription, nondescript, transcribe
- 12. **ten, tain, tin** - *hold* - countenance, maintenance, detain, pertinent, continuous□
- 13. **turb** - *confusion* - turbulence, disturb, perturb, turbid, turmoil□
- 14. **voc** - *call* - advocate, irrevocable, vocalize, vocabulary, voice, vociferate

Group 4 - Movement and Location

- 1. **ced, ceed, cede** - *move, yield* - succeed, precede, concede, unprecedented, procedure, antecedent
- 2. **centr** - *center* - decentralized, geocentric, eccentric, concentrate, ethnocentric
- 3. **clud, clus** - *shut, close* - seclude, exclude, preclude, recluse, inconclusive
- 4. **cur, curs** - *run* - concourse, recurrent, incur, recurrent, cursory, precursor
- 5. **fer** - *carry, bring* - confer, offer, vociferous, proliferate, aquifer
- 6. **fix** - *fastened, secured* - fixation, suffix, fixate, transfix, fixture, affix□
- 7. **flu** - *flow, stream* - fluctuate, confluence, influence, affluent, superfluous
- 8. **fus** - *pour* - transfuse, infusion, diffuse, suffuse, refuse□
- 9. **ject** - *thrown* - interject, reject, project, trajectory, conjecture□
- 10. **medi** - *middle* - mediocre, intermediate, median, multimedia, medieval□
- 11. **metr, meter** - *measure* - metric, geometry, odometer, asymmetry, centimeter□
- 12. **migr** - *move* - emigrate, immigration, transmigrate, migrant, migratory
- 13. **mit, miss** - *to send* - remission, dismiss, submissive, transmit, permit□
- 14. **mod** - *measure, method* - moderation, immodest, accommodation, modicum, commodify□
- 15. **mov, mob** - *move* - removal, immobile, unmoved, automobile, demobilized□
- 16. **pass** - *step, pace* - compass, unsurpassed, passable, impasse, bypass□
- 17. **port** - *carry* - deportation, import, rapport, porter, airport□
- 18. **pos, posit** - *put* - disposition, composite, juxtaposition, decomposition, imposition□
- 19. **scend** - *climb, mount* - descend, ascend, transcend, condescend, condescend, crescendo
- 20. **sid** - *sit* - subside, reside, preside, insidious, reside
- 21. **tort** - *twisted, wrapped* - retort, contort, torture, distortion, extortion
- 22. **tract** - *drag, pull* - protract, a\tract, contractual, extract, una\tractive□
- 23. **ven** - *come* - circumvent, inventory, prevent, conventional, eventful□
- 24. **vers, vert** - *turn* - adversary, diverse, versatile, subversive, anniversary

Group 5 - The Brain

- 1. **anim** - *mind or spirit* - inanimate, unanimous, animator, animosity, magnanimity
- 2. **cogn** - *learn, know* - recognize, cognizant, precognition, unrecognizable, incognito
- 3. **cred** - *believe* - discredit, credo, credence, incredulous, accredited□
- 4. **fid** - *trust, have faith in* - infidelity, confidant, affidavit, infidel, overconfident
- 5. **mem, memor** - *remembering* - commemorate, memorable, memoir, memento, remembrance
- 6. **sci** - *know* - conscience, prescience, omniscient, scientist, unconscious



Group 6 - The Human Body

1. **anthrop** - *human* - anthropology, misanthrope, anthropomorphism, philanthropy, anthropoid
2. **corp** - *body* - incorporate, corpus, corporal, corpulent, anti-corporate
3. **man** - *hand, control* - emancipation, manners, manual, manicure, manufacture
4. **matr** - *mother* - matriarch, matrimony, matrix, matriculate, maternal, matron
5. **mort** - *death* - immortal, amortize, mortgage, mortified, postmortem
6. **nat** - *born* - cognate, multinational, postnatal, innate, nativity
7. **path** - *feeling, disease* - empathy, pathogen, psychopath, homeopathic, neuropathy
8. **patr, pater** - *father* - expatriate, patriarch, repatriate, paternal, patriotism
9. **ped, pod** - *foot* - pedestrian, biped, millipede, impediment, podium
10. **phon** - *sound* - cacophony, phonetics, megaphone, symphony, telephone
11. **scop** - *see* - colonoscopy, stethoscope, telescopic, microscope, horoscope
12. **sens, sent** - *feel, perceive* - sensuality, insensitive, desensitized, resent, consent
13. **son** - *sound* - resonate, unison, assonance, consonant, dissonant
14. **spec, spect, spic** - *see, observe* - circumspect, spectacle, inconspicuous, specific, suspicious
15. **spir** - *breath* - spirit, conspire, inspire, perspire, respiratory
16. **vid, vis** - *see* - visage, invisible, provisional, revision, evidence, providence
17. **viv, vita** - *alive, life* - vital, vivacious, survivor, vitamin, revitalize

Group 7 - The Natural Earth

1. **bio** - *life* - autobiography, biodegradable, biopsy, symbiotic, amphibious
2. **cycl** - *circle, wheel* - bicycle, motorcycle, cyclic, cyclone, recycle
3. **fin** - *end* - infinite, confine, define, final, affinity, refined
4. **lev, levi** - *light, not heavy* - alleviate, elevate, levity, irrelevant, levitate, relevant
5. **luc, lum, lus, lun** - *light* - elucidate, hallucinate, translucent, luminary, illustrate
6. **morph** - *shape, form* - anthropomorphism, morphology, morpheme, morphine, polymorphic
7. **terr** - *earth* - subterranean, extraterrestrial, territorial, terrain, terrarium
8. **therm** - *heat* - hypothermia, thermodynamic, thermograph, thermoluminescent, thermoregulated

Group 8 - Humans Changing Objects

1. **fact, fic, fect** - *do or make* - benefactor, infection, satisfaction, edifice, gratification
2. **flect, flex** - *bend* - inflection, reflex, flexible, inflexibility, deflection
3. **form** - *shape* - nonconformist, deform, formalized, formality, informative
4. **fract, frag** - *break* - fragment, fragile, fraction, fractal, refraction
5. **min** - *lessen, smaller* - minute, minor, minimal, diminish, minuscule
6. **onym** - *name* - anonymity, synonym, pseudonym, eponymous, homonym
7. **pli** - *fold, bend* - explicit, complicity, supplicant, duplicity, multiplication, pliant, implied
8. **rupt** - *burst* - disrupt, corruption, bankruptcy, erupt, abrupt, interrupt, rupture
9. **sacr, sanct** - *holy, sacred* - sacrament, sacrosanct, sacred, sacristy, sanctify, sanctuary
10. **sign** - *sign* - designation, assignment, insignia, design, consignment, cosign, signify
11. **sist** - *stand* - inconsistency, insist, irresistible, persist, existentialism



- 12. **stat** - *stands* - reinstate, stationary, statement, stature, ecstatic
- 13. **stru** - *build* - instruct, deconstruct, obstruct, misconstrue, infrastructure
- 14. **tent, tens** - *stretch* - retention, portent, extent, tendency, discontent
- 15. **tom** - *cut* - anatomy, dichotomy, epitome, subatomic, lobotomy

Group 9 - More Roots

- 1. **cad, cas** - *fall* - decadent, cascade, decay, cadence, casual, cadaver
- 2. **chron** - *time* - synchronous, anachronism, chronology, synchronize, chronicle
- 3. **grat** - *pleasing* - ingrate, gratification, congratulate, gratitude, gratuity
- 4. **magn** - *great* - magnetic, magnificent, magnate, magnanimous, magnitude
- 5. **neg** - *negative* - abnegation, renegade neglected, negligent, negotiate
- 6. **pend, pens** - *hang, weigh* - independent, appendix, dependent, appendage, propensity
- 7. **press** - *press* - expressive, impression, suppress, compression, pressurize, antidepressant
- 8. **sat, satis** - *enough* - insatiable, satisfaction, satirist, unsaturated, satire, compensate
- 9. **simil, simul** - *like, same* - facsimile, assimilation, dissimilar, simulate, simulacrum
- 10. **temp** - *time* - temporary, contemporary, tempo, tempestuous, contemplate, temporal



Essential Suffixes (44)

Group 1 - Verbs and Adverbs

1. **-ate** - *to cause, to become* - aggregate, instigate, venerate, reciprocate, innovate, gesticulate
2. **-en** - *to make, to give a quality to* - liken, embolden, madden, enliven, brighten, dampen
3. **-ify** - *to cause, to make into something* - crucify, falsify, glorify, gentrify, identify, intensify
4. **-ize** - *to become* - lionize, satirize, jeopardize, dogmatize, vitalize, dramatize, apologize, criticize
5. **-ly** - *in a specified manner or interval of time* - quickly, heavily, flawlessly, gradually, suddenly
6. **-ward** - *in a specified direction* - westward, afterward, backward
7. **-wise** - *in a specified manner or direction* - streetwise, profitwise, otherwise, sidewise, likewise

Group 2 - Nouns of States, Conditions and People

1. **-acy, -cy** - *state, condition, or quality* - democracy, literacy, efficiency, bureaucracy, conspiracy
2. **-dom** - *state or condition* - boredom, freedom, kingdom, fandom, martyrdom
3. **-hood** - *state, condition or quality* - brotherhood, parenthood, nationhood, adulthood
4. **-ity, -ty** - *state or quality* - multiplicity, infidelity, purity, diversity, deformity, gravity
5. **-ness** - *state or condition* - cleverness, manliness, alertiveness, drunkenness, forgiveness
6. **-ship** - *state or quality* - kingship, championship, dictatorship, friendship, membership
7. **-an** - *one relating or belonging to* - librarian, humanitarian, artisan, documentarian musician
8. **-ant, -ent** - *one that does something* - applicant, tenant, immigrant, combatant, merchant
9. **-ee** - *one that receives or possess* - fiancée, nominee, appointee, employee, referee
10. **-er, -or** - *one that does something* - educator, treasurer, biographer, biker, heckler, bookkeeper
11. **-ist** - *one that believes something* - egoist, nihilist, psychiatrist, moralist, propagandist, atheist
12. **-ary** - *person or thing belong to* - missionary, commentary, accessory, glossary, library

Group 3 - More Nouns

1. **-al** - *action or process* - denial, recital, genocidal, paradoxical, natural
2. **-ism** - *action, process, quality, belief* - nepotism, pantheism, liberalism, feudalism, skepticism
3. **-ment** - *action, process or result* - embarrassment, harassment, endorsement, compliment, torment
4. **-tion, -sion** - *action or result* - divination, domination, elevation, renunciation, implication
5. **-ure** - *action, process or product* - culture, nurture, premature, temperature, structure
6. **-cide** - *killing* - genocide, fungicide, germicide, herbicide, pesticide, insecticide
7. **-ery, -ry** - *place, condition, practice or quality* - ancestry, dormitory, dentistry, imaginary, culinary
8. **-ics** - *art, knowledge, skill* - ethics, academics, aerobatics, genetics, magnetism
9. **-logy** - *study of* - dermatology, ontology, psychology, anthology, geology
10. **-age** - *action, condition or result* - suffrage, breakage, postage, baggage, footage, remarriage
11. **-ance, -ence** - *action, process or quality* — reluctance, dominance, insignificance, arrogance



Group 4 - Adjectives of Qualities and Characteristics

1. **-able -ible** - *having a particular quality* - corruptible, invincible, irresponsible, lovable, deplorable
2. **-al, -ial, -ical** - *characterized by, relate to* - esoteric, evangelical, metaphorical, logical, geographical
3. **-ar** - *resembling, relating to* - binocular, molecular, singular, irregular, nuclear
4. **-ate** - *having, characterized by* - corporate, literate, passionate, articulate, compassionate
5. **-ic** - *characterized by, relating to* - apologetic, quizzical, agnostic, metaphorical, tyrannical
6. **-ish** - *having qualities of* - accomplish, amateurish, gibberish, selfish, cheapish, languish
7. **-ive** - *having a particular quality* - cursive, declarative, consecutive, vegetative, explosive
8. **-like** - *resembling, characteristic of* - childlike, plantlike, toothlike, warlike, folklike, ladylike
9. **-ous, -eous, -ious** - *having qualities of* - advantageous, courageous, hideous, homogenous
10. **-some** - *characterized by* - cumbersome, meddlesome, irksome, troublesome, gruesome
11. **-ile** - *relating to, capable of* - servile, domicile, mercantile, mobile, fragile, juvenile
12. **-ant, -ent** - *causing, promoting* - flamboyant, blatant, dormant, tyrant, tolerant
13. **-en** - *resembling, made of* - deafen, earthen, harden, hidden, lighten, frozen
14. **-ful** - *full of* - deceitful, mouthful, skillful, hopeful, handful, scornful

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