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List of English Prefixes

Prefixes are added to the beginning of words. When they are added, they change the meaning of the word.

Below you find a long list of commonly used prefixes.

Prefix	Meaning
a- , an-	lacking or without
1. a-	moving towards
2. a-	in the process of
3. a-	of
4. a-	all or complete
ab-, abs-	lack of or away from
ad-, a-, ac-, af-, ag- al-, an-, ap-, at- as-, at-	increasing or moving to
ante-	before
anti-, ant-	opposite of
1. be-	all of
2. be-	full of
3. be-	possessing
4. be-	to affect
5. be-	to cause or make
com- co-, col-, con-, cor-	together
contra-	opposite of

counter-	opposition
1. de-	to bring down
2. de-	full of
3. de-	to remove
dia-	move across
di-, dis-	to take away
1. em-, en-	put on
2. em-, en-	bring up or down
3. em-, en-	to intensify
1. e-, ef-, ex-	out
2. e-, ef-, ex-	up
3. e-, ef-, ex-	full
4. e-, ef-, ex-	to go back
extra-	outside of
hemi-	half of
hyper-	to excite or bring up
hypo-	beneath
il-, im-, in-	lacking
il-, im-, ir-	towards the inside
infra-	below
inter-	between
intra-	within
non-	the opposite of
ob-, oc-, of-, op-	stopping or opposing

1. out-	go above
2. out-	outside or away
1. over-	complete and beyond
2. over-	above
peri-	around the outside
post-	after
pre-	before
1. pro-	supporting
2. pro-	acting for
3. pro-	moving forward
4. pro-	before
re-	again
semi-	part of
1. sub-, suc-, suf-, sug-, sup-, sur-, sus-	lower in rank or position
2. sub-, suc-, suf-, sug-, sup-, sur-, sus-	below
3. sub-, suc-, suf-, sug-, sup-, sur-, sus-	close to, near
sym-, syn-	together
1. trans-	across
2. trans-	change states
1. ultra-	well past

2. ultra-	to a high level
1. un-	not
2. un-	reversal
1. under-	below
2. under-	lower in rank
3. under-	not enough