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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

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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

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1. out- 2. out- 2. out- outside or away 1. over- complete and beyond 2. over- peri- around the outside post- 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- 2. sub-, suc-, suf-, sug-, sup-, sur-, sus- 3. sub-, suc-, suf-, sug-, sup-, sur-, sus- sym-, syn- together 1. trans- change states 1. ultra- well past		
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sug-, sup-, sur-, sus- sym-, syn- together 1. trans- across 2. trans- change states	sug-, sup-, sur-,	below
1. trans- across 2. trans- change states	sug-, sup-, sur-,	close to, near
2. trans- change states	sym-, syn-	together
	1. trans-	across
1. ultra- well past	2. trans-	change states
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2. ultra-	to a high level
1. un-	not
2. un-	reversal
1. under-	below
2. under-	lower in rank
3. under-	not enough