

## COMMON PREFIXES, ROOTS, AND SUFFIXES

WORD PARTS	MEANING	EXAMPLES
a, an	without, not	amoral, atypical
ab	away (from)	absent
able, ible	capable of	portable, edible
ac	characteristic of	cardiac
acer, acr	sour, bitter	acerbity, acrid
ad	to, toward	adhere, adjoin
age	state of, rank, place	marriage
al	relating to	annual
ambi	both	ambivalent
an, ian	belonging to	suburban, mammalian
ance, ancy, ence, ency	act of, state of, condition of	assistance, discrepancy, dependence, dependency
ant, ent, er, or, eer, ier, ine	one who acts	clairvoyant, dependent, farmer, sailor, auctioneer, gondolier, heroine
ante	before	anteroom
anthropo	man, mankind	anthropoid
anti	against, opposed	antipathy
aqua	water	aquatic
ar, ary, ory	relating to	similar, imaginary, sensory
arch	chief, principle	archenemy
aud	hear	auditory
auto	self	automatic
bene	well, good	beneficial
bibl	book	Bible
bio	life	autobiography
brev	short	brevity
cede, ceed	go, move	recede, proceed
chron	time	chronological
cide	kill(ing)	pesticide, infanticide
circum	around	circumference
cis	cut	excise
clar	clear	clarity
co, con, com	together, with	cooperate, conspiracy
cogni	know	recognize
counter, contra	against, opposite	counteract, contrary, contradict
cred	believe	credential
crypt	secret, hidden	cryptic
cycl	circle	cyclical
de	from, away	depart
dent	tooth	dentist
derm	skin	dermatitis
dia	through, apart	diagonal
dic, dict	say	dictate
dis	apart from, out, opposite of	distract
dom	state, domain of, condition	kingdom
dox	praise, belief	orthodox

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duc, duct	lead	<b>aqueduct</b>
dyna	power	<b>dynamic</b>
dys	hard, ill, with difficulty, bad	<b>dyslexia, dysfunctional</b>
ee	person who is	<b>employee</b>
ego	I, self	<b>egoist</b>
en	to make, become	<b>shorten</b>
epi	on, outer	<b>epigram</b>
ese	relating to	<b>journalese</b>
eu	well, good	<b>euphemism</b>
ex	out from	<b>exhale</b>
extra	beyond, outside	<b>extracurricular</b>
fort	strong	<b>fortress</b>
frater	brother	<b>fraternity</b>
fy	to make	<b>fortify</b>
gamy	marriage	<b>monogamy</b>
gen	race, origin, kind	<b>Genesis</b>
geo	earth	<b>geography</b>
graph, gram	write	<b>graphology</b>
gress	go, move	<b>progress</b>
gyn	woman	<b>gynophobia</b>
hetero	other, different	<b>heterogeneous, heterosexual</b>
homo, homeo	same, like, similar	<b>homogeneous, homosexual</b>
hydr	water	<b>hydroplane</b>
hyper	excessive, over, above, beyond	<b>hyperfunction, hypertension</b>
hypo	under, below, beneath	<b>hypodermic</b>
ic, ical	of, like	<b>manic, numerical</b>
il, im, in, ir	in, into, on, within, not, opposing	<b>illegal, infiltrate, immigrate, irregular</b>
inter	between	<b>interfere, interstate</b>
intra	within	<b>intrastate</b>
ion, sion, tion	state of, condition of, act of	<b>tension</b>
ish	like	<b>childish</b>
ism	doctrine, practice of	<b>plagiarism</b>
ist	person who	<b>dentist</b>
junct	join	<b>conjunction</b>
less	without	<b>careless</b>
logy	study of	<b>biology</b>
macro	large	<b>macromolecule</b>
magn	large, great	<b>magnify</b>
mal	bad	<b>malpractice</b>
man	hand	<b>manicure</b>
mater	mother	<b>maternity</b>
mega	big	<b>megaphone</b>
ment	state of being	<b>improvement</b>
meta	beyond	<b>metaphysical</b>
meter, metr	measure	<b>thermometer</b>
micro	small	<b>microscope</b>
mis	wrong, ill	<b>misinform</b>
miss, miso	hatred	<b>misanthrope</b>

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mit, miss	send	trans <b>mit</b> , <b>missile</b>
morph	form, shape	<b>amorphous</b>
mort	death	<b>mortality</b>
multi	many	<b>multitude</b>
nav	ship, sail	<b>naval</b>
neb	hazy, cloudy	<b>nebulous</b>
non	not	<b>nonadjustable</b>
nym	name	pseudonym
oid	resembling, like-shaped	spheroid
omni	all	<b>omnipotent</b>
or, er	one who takes part in	actor, teacher
ortho	straight, right	<b>orthopedics</b>
pan	all	<b>pandemonium</b>
para	beside	<b>parallel</b>
pater	father	<b>paternal</b>
path	feeling, suffering	<b>apathy</b>
ped, pod	foot	<b>pedal</b>
pel	push, drive	propel
per	through, completely	<b>perforate</b>
peri	around	<b>perimeter</b>
phil	love, like	<b>philanthropy</b>
phobia	exaggerated fear	claustrophobia, arachnophobia
phon	sound	<b>phonics</b>
photo	light	<b>photostat</b>
poly	many	<b>polygamy</b>
pon, pos	place	opponent, <b>position</b>
port	carry	<b>porter</b>
post	after	<b>postpone</b>
pot	strength, ability	<b>potential</b>
pre	before	<b>preamble</b>
proto	first	<b>prototype</b>
pseudo	false	<b>pseudoscience</b>
psych	mind, soul	<b>psychology</b>
pyr	fire	<b>pyromania</b>
re	back, again	<b>return, redo</b>
retro	back	<b>retroactive</b>
rupt	break	<b>rupture</b>
scrib, script	write	transcribe, <b>scripture</b>
scop	see, look	telescope
se	away from	<b>seclude, segregate</b>
sect	cut	<b>dissect</b>
semi	half	<b>semiprivate</b>
simil	like	<b>similar</b>
sis	act, state, condition of	<b>analysis</b>
soph	wise	<b>sophomore</b>
spect	see, look	<b>spectator</b>
sub	under	<b>submarine</b>
super	over, above	<b>supersonic, superhuman</b>

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syn, sym	with, together	<b>synchronize, symphony</b>
tech	art, skill	<b>technology</b>
tele	far	<b>telephone</b>
ten	hold	<b>tenacity</b>
tend	stretch	<b>extend</b>
terra	earth	<b>terrace</b>
the	god	<b>atheist</b>
therm	heat	<b>thermal</b>
tort	twist	<b>distort</b>
trans	across	<b>transport</b>
tudo	quality, state, result	<b>servitude</b>
ultra	beyond, excessively	<b>ultramodern</b>
un	not, opposing, reverse	<b>unlawful</b>
under	below, beneath	<b>underground</b>
viv	life	<b>vivacious</b>
voc	cal, voice	<b>vocation</b>
vor	eat greedily	<b>omnivorous</b>

#### **PREFIXES OF NUMBERS**

<b>WORD PARTS</b>	<b>MEANING</b>	<b>EXAMPLES</b>
uni	one	<b>uniform</b>
mono	one	<b>monologue</b>
du, duo	two	<b>duet</b>
bi	two	<b>biped</b>
tri	three	<b>triangle</b>
tetra	four	<b>tetrameter</b>
quad	four	<b>quadruplets</b>
penta	five	<b>pentagon</b>
quint	five	<b>quintet</b>
sex	six	<b>sexagenarian</b>
hex	six	<b>hexagon</b>
sept	seven	<b>septuplet</b>
oct	eight	<b>octopus</b>
nov	nine	<b>novena</b>
dec	ten	<b>decade</b>
cent	hundred	<b>percent</b>
hect	hundred	<b>hectogram</b>
mil	thousand	<b>millimeter</b>
kil	thousand	<b>kilometer</b>
semi	half	<b>semicircle</b>
hemi	half	<b>hemisphere</b>
demi	half	<b>demitasse</b>