

PREFIX MEANINGS & EXAMPLES

a- (before consonants)	.....on, in, to, of, not	.....	.aboard, ashore, apart, asymmetric
an- (before vowels)	.....	.....	.anesthetic, another, anarchy
ab-	.....from, away	.....	.abnormal, abstain, abstract
ac-, ad-, af-,	.....to, toward	.....	.accent, acquire, admit, adapt,
ag-, as-, at-	.....	.....	.affair, aggressive, assign, attune
ambi-	.....both	.....	.ambidextrous, ambiguous
amphi-	.....around	.....	.amphitheater, amphibian
ante-	.....before	.....	.antecedent, anteroom
anti-	.....against, oppose	.....	.antifreeze, antitrust, antidote
arch-	.....chief	.....	.archangel, archrival
auto-	.....of/by self	.....	.automobile, autograph, automatic
be-	.....by, away	.....	.beside, behave, befriend, beneath
bi-	.....two, twice	.....	.bipartisan, bicycle, bifocal, biweekly
by-	.....near, aside	.....	.bypass, bystander, bylaw
circum-	.....around	.....	.circumstance, circumspect
co-, com-	.....with, together	.....	.cooperate, coincide, combat,
con-, col-	.....	.....	.combine, conflict, conduct, collect,
cor-	.....	.....	.collaborate, correct, correspond
contra-, counter-	.....against, opposite	.....	.contradict, counterproposal
de-	.....away, down, opposite	.....	.depart, decay, deplete, deactivate
dis-	.....opposite, from, away	.....	.dishonest, disobey, disgust, discount
en-, em-	.....put into, on, make	.....	.endanger, enforce, emphasis
epi-	.....upon, around	.....	.epidermis, epilogue, epidemic
e-, ex-	.....out of, from	.....	.emit, evict, exhale, export, exclaim
en-	.....make, in	.....	.enlarge, entrust, unfold
for-, fore-	.....away, in front of	.....	.forget, foretell, foreground
in-, im-	.....in, into	.....	.inject, intense, impress, impact
in-, im-	.....not	.....	.indefinite, impatient, impossible,
il-, ir-	.....	.....	.illiterate, illegal, irresponsible
inter-	.....between, mutual	.....	.interact, international, interrupt
intra-, intro-	.....within, into	.....	.intramural, intravenous, introduce
mis-	.....wrong	.....	.mismanage, misinterpret, mistake
mono-	.....one	.....	.monolateral, monotone
multi-	.....several	.....	.multifaceted, multicolored
non-	.....not	.....	.nonviolent, nonsense, nonfiction
ob-, of-, op-	.....in way of, toward	.....	.obstacle, obscure, offense, oppose
per-	.....throughout, completely	.....	.permit, perplex, pertain
pre-	.....before	.....	.prehistoric, prepaid, preschool
post-	.....after	.....	.postpone, posttest, postscript
pro-	.....support, before, forward	.....	.pronoun, proponent, profess
re-	.....back, again	.....	.repeat, retract, return, reconstruct
semi-	.....partly, half	.....	.semicircle, semiannual, semiskilled
sub-, suc-, suf-	.....under, lower, next	.....	.submarine, succeed, suffer,
sug-, sup-, sus-	.....	.....	.suggest, suppose, suspend, suspect
super-	.....over, above	.....	.supernatural, supervise
tele-	.....from a distance	.....	.telephone, telepathy, television
trans-	.....across, beyond, change	.....	.transport, transform, transcript
ultra-	.....beyond	.....	.ultraviolet, ultrasonic
un-	.....not, opposite	.....	.unpleasant, unlikely, untie, unfair

SUFFIX PART OF SPEECH & EXAMPLES

-able, -ible	adjective	.laughable, portable, visible
-ability, -ibility	noun	.marketability, credibility
-acy	noun	.diplomacy, accuracy, literacy
-age	noun	.percentage, courage, package
-al	adjective	.comical, annual, familial
-an, -ian	noun	.American, magician, optician
-ance, -ence	noun	.acceptance, conference
-ancy, -ency		.constancy, emergency
-ant, -ent	adjective	.observant, different, indulgent
	noun	.assistant, president
-ar, -er	adjective	.singular, sweeter (comparative)
	noun	.beggar, liar, teacher, southerner
-arian	noun	.disciplinarian, humanitarian
-ed	verb (past tense)	.walked, hummed, played
	adjective	.feathered, treasured, striped
-en	verb	.loosen, harden, weaken
	adjective	.earthen, swollen, wooden
-es	noun (plural)	.boxes, dishes, ladies, kisses
	verb (present indicative)	.teaches, brushes, fixes
-est	adjective (superlative)	.prettiest, kindest, snowiest
-ful	adjective	.colorful, beautiful, wonderful
-fy, -ify	verb	.petrify, magnify, intensify, satisfy
-ic, -ical	adjective	.heroic, dramatic, historical, technical
-ing	verb (participle)	.throwing, plowing, fighting
	noun	.blessing, paneling
-ion, -sion, -tion	noun	.fashion, union, division, contribution
-ish	adjective	.childish, yellowish, English
-ism	noun	.criticism, autism, fanaticism
-ist	noun	.lyricist, motorist, biologist
-istic	adjective	.legalistic, ritualistic
-ity	noun	.density, curiosity, brevity
-ive	adjective	.disruptive, evasive, lucrative
-ize	verb	.alphabetize, equalize, emphasize
-less	adjective	.hopeless, thoughtless, colorless
-ly	adverb	.meanly, roughly, thoughtlessly
	adjective	.elderly, daily, womanly
-ment	noun	.development, accomplishment
-ness	noun	.loudness, meanness, kindness
-ory	adjective	.auditory, discriminatory
	noun	.directory, observatory
-ous	adjective	.joyous, serious, courteous, gracious
-osity	noun	.curiosity, monstrosity
-th	noun	.growth, health, width
	adjective (numeric)	.fifth, sixteenth
-ty	noun	.activity, certainty, safety, property
	adjective (numeric)	.twenty, sixty
-ure	noun	.architecture, legislature
-ward(s)	adverb	.homeward, backwards, forward
-y	adjective	.curly, windy, messy, fruity
	noun	.bribery, jealousy, blasphemy