

Prefixes

A-, an-	without	amoral, anaerobic
Ante-	before	antedate, antechamber
Anti-	against, opposing.	Antipollution, antipathy
Auto-	self.	Autobiography, autopilot
Bene-	good or well.	Beneficial, benediction
Bi-	two.	Bicycle, bipolar
Cen-	hundred, hundredth.	Century, centimeter
Circum-	around.	Circumnavigate, circumvent
Co-	together, with.	Co-author, copilot
Com-	bring together.	Complete, compile
Contra-	against.	Contradict, contraband
Counter-	opposite, against.	Counterclockwise, counterterrorism
De-	away from, down, undoing.	Deactivate, detract
Dis-	the opposite, undoing.	Disagree, disarm
Ex-	out of, away from.	Exhale, expropriate
Hetero-	different.	Heterogeneous, heterodox
Homo-	same.	Homogenized, homonym
Hyper-	above, excessive	hyperactive, hypertension
Il/in/ir-	not.	Illiquid, inaudible, irregular
Inter-	between.	Intercontinental, interject
Intra-	within.	Intramural, intranet
Mal-	bad or ill.	Maladjusted, malevolent
Micro-	small.	Microbiology, microscope
Mis-	bad, wrong.	Misbehave, misunderstood
Mono-	one.	Monosyllable, monorail
Neo-	new.	Neoclassical, neophytes
Non-	not.	Nonessential, nonconformist
Pan-	all, all over.	Pandemic, panorama
Poly-	many.	Polygon, polynomial
Post-	after, behind.	Postpone, postnatal
Pre-	before.	Preview, premeditate

Pro-	forward, before, in favor of.	Promote, projection
Re-	back, again.	Rewrite, retract
Retro-	backward.	Retrofit, retroactive
Semi-	half.	Semiannual, semifinal
Sub-	below, under.	Submarine, subway
Super-	above, over.	Supersede, supervise
Syn/sym-	together at the same time.	Symbiosis, synchronize
Tele-	from a distance.	Telecommunicate, telemetry
Therm-	heat.	Thermal, thermometer
Trans-	across.	Transcontinental, transatlantic
Un-	not.	Unannounced, unnoticed
Uni-	one.	Unicycle, unify
Vert/verse-	change.	Revert, reverse

Root Words

Act-	do.	Transact, activate
Aero-	air.	Aerobics, aerospace
Ambu-	walk.	Ambulate, ambulatory
Anthrop-	human.	Anthropology, philanthropy
Annu, anni-	year.	Annual, anniversary
Aster, astr-	star.	Astronomy, asterisk
Audi-	hear.	Audible, auditory
Biblio-	book.	Bibliography, bibliographic
Bio-	life.	Biosphere, biography
Brev-	short.	Brevity, abbreviate
Capit-	head.	Decapitate, capital
Card, cour-	heart.	Cardiology, discord
Carn-	flesh.	Carnivorous, carnage
Cede-	go.	Proceed, recede
Chron-	time.	Chronology, synchronize
Cide-	killing.	Suicide, homicide
Cis-	cut.	Precise, scissors
Cogn-	know.	Cognition, recognize

Crat-	rule.	Autocratic, democrat
Culp-	blame.	Culpable, exculpate
Dem-	people.	Democracy, demographics
Dic, dict-	speak.	Dictation, predict
Dorm-	sleep.	Dormitory, dormant
Fer-	carry.	Transfer, refer
Fuge-	flee.	Refuge, centrifugal
Geo-	earth.	Geography, geologic
Gram-	something written or recorded.	Telegram, cardiogram
Graph-	to write.	Graphic, calligraphy
Jac, ject-	throw.	Eject, trajectory
Jur-	law.	Jury, jurisprudence
Labor-	work.	Laboratory, collaborate
Loc-	place.	Location, co-locate
Luc-	light.	Translucent, illuminate
Manu-	hand.	Manuscript, manufacture
Meter-	measure.	Metric, barometer
Morph-	form.	Morphology, amorphous
Mort-	die.	Mortuary, mortal
Omni-	all.	Omnipresent, omnipotent
Op, oper-	work.	Cooperate, operator
Path-	feeling, suffering.	Empathy pathetic
Ped, pod-	foot.	Pedal, Podiatry
Phobe-	fear.	Phobic, claustrophobia
Phon-	sound.	Phonograph, stereographic
Photo-	light.	Photographic, telephoto
Phys-	nature, body.	Physique, physical
Scrib-	write.	Scribble, scribe
Ter-	earth.	Extraterrestrial, territory
Vac-	empty.	Vacuous, evaporate
Verb-	word.	Verbose, proverb
Vid, vis-	see.	Video, television