

Common Prefixes

| Prefix | Meaning | Examples |
|--------|--------------------|--|
| ab | away from | abstain, abjure, abduct, abstemious |
| ante | before | antecedent, antebellum |
| auto | self | autopilot, autograph, autocracy |
| be | make | befriend, begrudge, begrime, belie, bemoan |
| bi | two | bicycle, bigamy, biennial, bivalve, bifocals |
| bio | life | biology, biometrics, biosphere, biography |
| co | with | cooperate, committee |
| contra | against | contravene, contradict, contralto |
| de | off, away from | defame, devalue, dehydrate, decompose |
| epi | upon, among | epidermis, epidemic, |
| equi | equal | equilibrium, equinox, equitable, equation |
| ex | out, away | expulsion, exhale, exude |
| hetero | different | heterogeneity, heterodoxy |
| homo | same | homonym, homogenized |
| hyper | over, above | hyperthermia, hyperactive, hypertrophy |
| hypo | under, below | hypotension, hypodermic, hypothermia |
| inter | between | interlude, intervene, international |
| intra | within | intravenous, intramural |
| mag | big | magnanimous, magnify, magnificent |
| mal | bad | malady, malingering, malevolent |
| mis | wrong, bad | miscreant, misunderstand, misanthrope |
| ob | against | obstinate, obstruct, obdurate |
| omni | all, every | omnipotent, omniscient, omnivorous |
| para | beside, resembling | paramedic, paraphrase, parallel, |
| peri | around | periscope, perimeter, pericardium |
| post | after | postscript, posterior, posthumous |
| pre | before | preamble, premonition, precede, prelude |
| pro | support, forward | profess, proposal, progress |
| re | again | remodel, report, revise, recombine |
| sub | under, below | subservient, submerge, submarine, subvert |
| super | over, above | supersede, superscript, superimpose |
| uni | one | unity, unicorn, unify, universe |

Common Prefixes - with spelling variations

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|------------|----------------|---|
| a, an | without, not | atheist, atypical, amoral, anarchy |
| ad | toward | advise, adhere, admonish, advertise |
| con, com | with, together | converge, compact, confluence, concatenate |
| dis, dys | not, away | disparity, dysfunctional, distemper, dyslexia |
| in, il, ir | not | incredible, illegible, irresponsible |
| in, im | into | input, implicate |
| neo, nov | new | neolithic, novelty |
| sym, syn | together | symmetry, synonym, sympathy |
| un, non | not | unusual, nonsense |

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|-------|------------------------|---|
| alt | high | altitude, contralto, altocumulus, exalt |
| amb | go | amble, ambulance, perambulate, preamble |
| arch | chief, rule | archaic, monarchy, matriarchy, patriarchy |
| bell | war | rebellion, belligerent, bellicose |
| bene | good | benefit, benevolent, benefactor, beneficent |
| carn | flesh | carnivore, reincarnation, carnal |
| chrom | color | chrome, polychrome, chromatic |
| chron | time | chronicle, chronology, chronic, synchronize |
| circ | around | circumnavigate, circumference, |
| cred | believe | credo, credible, credence, incredulous |
| culp | blame, fault | culpable, culprit, exculpate |
| dem | people | demographics, demagogue, epidemic, endemic |
| duc | lead, make | induce, seduce, deduce, educate |
| esce | become, similar | acquiesce, coalesce, adolescent, rigescent |
| eu | good | euphemism, euphony, eugenics |
| fid | faith | fidelity, confide, affidavit |
| jec | throw | eject, project, trajectory, interject, inject |
| jur | legal | jurisprudence, abjure, jurisdiction |
| mal | bad, poorly | dismal, malady, malfeasance, maleficent |
| morph | shape | morpheme, amorphous, metamorphosis |
| mut | change | commute, mutation, permutation |
| pan | everywhere, completely | panacea, pantheism, pandemic, pandemonium |
| path | feeling | pathos, antipathy, apathy, telepathy |
| phil | love of | philosophy, philanthropy, technophile |
| phon | sound | phonograph, phonetic, symphony, euphonious |
| plac | please | placate, placid, placebo |
| port | carry | portable, transport, porter, support |
| sci | know | conscience, omniscient |
| tract | pull, drag | tractor, extract, retract, protract, intractable |
| trans | across | transmit, transport, transducer, intransitive |
| ven | come | convention, intervention, advent |
| ver | truth | veracity, verdict, verity, verify, verisimilitude |
| vit | life | vital, vitality, vitamins, revitalize |

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|--------------------|--------------|---|
| ac, acr | sharp, sour | acumen, acrimonious, acerbic, acidity, acrid |
| anthro, andr | man | misanthrope, android, anthropomorphism |
| apt, ept | skill | aptitude, adept, inept |
| clus, clud, claus | shut | recluse, exclude, claustrophobia, preclude |
| her, hes | stick | coherent, adhere, cohesion, inherent, hereditary |
| loc, log, loq, lix | speech | monologue, eloquent, loquacious, colloquial, prolix |
| luc, lum, lus | light | translucent, luminary, luster, lucid |
| mit, mis | send | transmit, emission, remit, submit, admit, missile |
| nat, nasc, nai | born | nascent, naive, innate, natal, native |
| nom, nym | name | nominate, nomenclature, synonym, antonym |
| prop, prox | near | proximity, approximate, propinquity |
| scrib, script | write | inscription, prescribe, proscribe, manuscript |
| sed, sid | sit | sedentary, reside, preside, subside |
| sequ, secu, sue | follow | sequel, execute, consecutive, ensue, pursue |
| spec, spic | look, appear | inspect, circumspect, retrospect, conspicuous |
| tact, tang, tag, | touch | tactile, contact, tangible, contagious |
| ten, tin, tain | hold | tenant, tenure, detention, obstinate, contain |
| vers, vert | turn | traverse, avert, invert, reverse, versatile |
| viv, vit | life | revive, survive, vivid, vivacious, vitality |
| vis, vid | see | visage, evident, supervise, vista |
| voc, vou, vok | call, word | vocation, provoke, revoke, provocative, vouch |