



Prefix	Meaning	Examples
a-/an	not, without	atheist, anaemic
a-	to, towards	aside, aback
a-	in the process of, in a particular state	a-hunting, aglow
a-	of	anew
ab-/abs	completely	abashed
ad-/a-, ac-, af-, ag- al-, an-, ap-, at- as-, at-	away, from	abdicate, abstract
ante-	movement to, change into, addition or increase	advance, adulterate, adjunct, ascend, affiliate
anti-/ant	before, preceding	antecedent, ante-room
be-	opposing, against, the opposite	anti-aircraft, antibiotic, anticlimax, Antarctic
	all over, all around	bespatter, beset
	completely	bewitch, bemuse
	having, covered with	bejewelled
	affect with (added to nouns)	befog
	cause to be (added to adjectives)	becalm
com-/co-, col-, con-, cor-	with, jointly, completely	combat, codriver, collude, confide, corrode
contra-	against, opposite	contraceptive
counter-	opposition, opposite direction	counter-attack, counteract
de-	down, away	descend, despair, depend, deduct
	completely	denude, denigrate
	removal, reversal	de-ice, decamp
dia-/di	through, across	diagonal
dis-/di	negation, removal, expulsion	disadvantage, dismount, disbud, disbar
en-/em	put into or on	engulf, enmesh
	bring into the condition of	enlighten, embitter
	intensification	entangle, enrage
ex-/e-/ef-	out	exit, exclude, expand
	upward	exalt, extol
	completely	excruciate, exasperate
	previous	ex-wife
extra-	outside, beyond	extracurricular
hemi-	half	hemisphere
hyper-	beyond, more than, more than normal	hypersonic, hyperactive
hypo-	under	hypodermic, hypothermia
in-/im-	not, without	infertile, inappropriate, impossible
In-/ il-, im-, ir-	in, into, towards, inside	influence, influx, imbibe
infra-	below	infrared, infrastructure
inter-	between, among	interact, interchange
intra-	inside, within	intramural, intravenous
non-	absence, negation	non-smoker, non-alcoholic
ob-/oc-, of-, op-	blocking, against, concealing	obstruct, occult, offend, oppose
out-	surpassing, exceeding	outperform
	external, away from	outbuilding, outboard
over-	excessively, completely	overconfident, overburdened, overjoyed
	upper, outer, over, above	overcoat, overcast
peri-	round, about	perimeter
post-	after in time or order	postpone
pre-	before in time, place, order or importance	pre-adolescent, prelude, precondition
pro-	favouring, in support of	pro-African
	acting for	proconsul



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	motion forwards or away	propulsion
	before in time, place or order	prologue
re-	again	repaint, reappraise, reawake
semi-	half, partly	semicircle, semi-conscious
sub-/suc-, suf-, sug-, sup-, sur-, sus-	at a lower position	submarine, subsoil
	lower in rank	sub-lieutenant
	nearly, approximately	sub-tropical
syn-/sym	in union, acting together	synchronize, symmetry
trans-	across, beyond	transnational, transatlantic
	into a different state	translate
ultra-	beyond	ultraviolet, ultrasonic
	extreme	ultramicroscopic
un-	not	unacceptable, unreal, unhappy, unmanned
	reversal or cancellation of action or state	unplug, unmask
under-	beneath, below	underarm, undercarriage
	lower in rank	undersecretary
	not enough	underdeveloped