

Prefix

A **prefix** is a word, or letters placed at the beginning of a word to modify or change its meaning. This is a list of the most common **prefixes** in English:

Common prefixes

Prefix	Meaning	Examples
anti-	against, opposite	anticlockwise, antibiotic
auto-	self	autobiography, autopilot
bi-	two	bicycle, bilingual
co-	with	co-star – co-pilot
de-	off, away from	devalue, default
dis-	not	discover, disappear
en-	put into	enclose, encircle
ex-	out of, former	export, ex-president
extra-	beyond, more than	extracurricular, extraordinary
homo-	same	homophone, homogeneous
hyper-	over	hyperactive, hypertension
hypo-	under	hypoactive, hypodermic
il-	not	illogical, illegal
im-	not	immature, imperfect

in-	not	incomplete, inhuman
inter-	between	international, interface
ir-	not	irrelevant, irregular
macro-	large	macroeconomics, macromedia
mal-	bad	malnutrition, malware
micro-	small	microscope, microbus
mis-	wrong	misspell, misunderstand
mono-	one	monocle, monophonic
non-	not	non-stop, non-profit
post-	after	postnatal, postgraduate
pre-	before	prearrange, predestination
pro-	for, forward	propose, promote
re-	again	reconsider, rewind
retro-	backward	retrospect, retroactive
semi-	half	semiannual, semiautomatic
sub-	below	submarine, subway
super-	above	supermarket, supernatural
syn-	same time	synchronize, syncope
trans-	across	transatlantic, transport
tri-	three	triangle, tricycle
un-	not	uncomfortable, unhappy
uni-	one	unicorn, unilateral

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