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## Prefix & Suffix

Prefix	Meanings	Examples
a	without	amoral, apolitical, atypical
ante	before	antecedent, antedate
anti	against, opposing	anti-war, anti-bacterial
arch	more, extreme	arch-capitalist, arch-rebel
auto	self	auto-dial, auto-rotate
bi	two, twice	bilingual, bisect, bi-monthly
circum	round	circumnavigate, circumvent
co	with	co-author, co-edit
col, com, con	with	collaborate, combine, connect
contra, counter	against, opposing	contraception, counterclaim, counteract
de	opposite action	declassify, destroy
dia	across	diagonal, diameter
dis	not, opposite of	disagree, disprove, distrust, disbelief
dys	abnormal	dyslexia, dysfunctional
e	electronic	e-book, e-mail, e-governance
eco	related to environment	eco-tourism, eco-disaster
en(m)	cause to	encode, embrace
equi	equal	equidistant, equilateral
ex	previously, former	ex-president, ex-student
extra	very	extra-bright, extra-strong
extra	outside	extra-curricular, extrasensory, extraordinary
fore	before	Forecast, forelimb,
hyper	too much	hyperactive, hypersensitive
il, im, in, ir	not, opposite of	illogical, impossible, indistinct, irrational
in(m)	movement to, in	input, inset, intake, implant, import
inter	between, connected	interrelated, interact
intra	within	intra-generational, intramuscular
kilo	thousand	kilogram, kilometer, kilowatt
macro	large	macroeconomics, macro-scale
mal	bad, badly	malfunction, malpractice
micro	small	micro-economics, micro-scale

mid	middle	midway, midsummer
mis	wrongly, incorrect	mistake, mistranslate, misunderstanding
mono	one	mono-centric, monoculture
multi	many	multicultural, multi-level
neo	something old in new form	Neoclassical,
non	not	non-believer, non-competitive, nonsense
out	more, to a great extent	outnumber, outlive, outburst, outrage
over	over, above, too much	overlook, overcook, overhead, overheat
post	after	post-examination, post-modern, post-independence
pre	before	pre-industrial, preview, pre-war, pre-independence
pro	in favour of	pro-feminist, pro-liberal, proactive
pseudo	false,	pseudo-intellectual, pseudo-science
quasi	almost, not quite	quasi-academic, quasi-legal
re	again	rediscover, redefine, rename, return, rejuvenate
retro	backwards	retrogressive, retrospective
semi	partly, half	semicircle, semi-organic, semi-precious, semifinals
sub	part of something, under, beneath,	subway, submarine, subsection
super	above or bigger	superpower, supersonic, superstar
trans	across	transcontinental, transcribe, transport, transit
ultra	extreme	ultra-sensitive, ultrasound, ultramodern
un	not	unusual, uncertain, unusual, unscrew, unplug, unfriendly
under	under, beneath, insufficient	underpower, underemployed, undersea
well	useful, successful	well-designed, well-written. well-established

Suffix	Meaning	Examples
able, ible	can be done	doable, identifiable, predictable, possible
al, ial	has property of	personal, partial, legal,
ant	having an effect	disinfectant, coolant, accelerant
based	performing a major part of	computer-based, oil-based, genetic-based
cy	state or quality	accuracy, literacy, urgency,
ed	past tense of verb	turned, ruined, cooked, cleaned
ee	person affected by something	employee, interviewee, trainee, addressee
en	made of, being made	golden, broaden, lighten

er	comparative	higher, lighter, sooner, later
er	one who perform or do something	doer, painter, singer, performer
est	superlative	slightest, lightest, best, biggest
free	without	hasslefree, carefree, debt-free, pain-free
ful	full of	grateful, forgetful, fearful, careful, joyful
hood	condition, period, state	childhood, brotherhood, adulthood, motherhood
ic	having property of	linguistic, photographic, electric, democratic, heroic
ics	study of	genetics, electronics, aeronautics
ify	giving quality to something	defy, clarify, purify, solidify, classify
ing	present participle	cooking, dancing, running
ism	behaviour or belief	liberalism, modernism, heroism
ist	one who follows certain behaviours or belief	Philanthropist, anarchist, optimist, activist
(t)ion	act or process	reaction, action, projection
(i)ty	state of	extremity, infinity, sanity
(t)ive	adjective	active, motive, positive
ize, -ise	bring about a condition or state	modernize/modernise, colonize/colonise
less	without	fearless, careless, meaningless
like	resemble another	alike, bird-like, child-like
ly, -y	having	\quickly, quietly, wordy, handy
ment	action, process	fulfilment, enjoyment, development
ness	state of, quality	Happiness, newness, kindness, effectiveness, openness
ocracy	type of ruling body	democracy, autocracy, meritocracy, bureaucracy
ocrat	person ruling	autocrat, technocrat, democrat
ology, -ological	study of	archaeology, geology, biology, physiological, biological,
ous	having	callous, joyous, religious
proof	safe, protected against	stain-proof, waterproof, dustproof, soundproof
ship	state or experience of specific position	partnership, entrepreneurship, professorship, leadership

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