

PREFIX



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Adding a prefix to the start of a word changes its meaning.

prefix	meaning	examples
anti-	against	anti-hero, antiseptic
auto-	self	automatic, autobiography
bi-	two, twice	bicycle, bicentenary
circum-	round, about	circumference
co-	with, together	co-operate co-ordinate
ex-	out of, former	extract, exit, export
inter-	between, among	internet, international
over-	excessively	overused, overexcited
pre-	before	prehistoric, premeditated
pro-	supporting	pro-government, pro-hunting
re-	again	recycle, reuse
sub-	under, below	submarine, substandard
super-	above, over, beyond	superman, superhuman
tele-	at a distance	telephone, telepathy
trans-	across	transmit, transport

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Adding some prefixes gives the opposite meaning of the root word.

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de-	undoing, taking away	de-list, de-value, de-stress
dis-	not, opposite of	disappear, dishonest
il-, im-, ir-	not, without	illegal, impractical, irresponsible
mis-	wrong	misbehave
non-	not, without	non-entity, non-starter, non-stop
un-	not, opposite of	undone, unfinished, unwell

BEWARE! The prefix 'in-' can change the meaning of a word in two different ways.

prefix	meaning	examples
in-	not	inedible
in-	in, into	inside (your house)



Check out the suffix and word family pages too!