

List of Common English Prefixes

Anti-	Against	Antihistamine
Auto-	Self, by itself	Autobiography
Bi-	Two	Bilingual, bicycle
Bio-	Life, living organisms	Biochemistry, biography
Co-/Com-/Con-	Joint, with, together	Cofounder, Connect
Counter-	Against, opposite	Counteract, counterargument
De-	Opposite, Remove	Defrost
Dis-	Opposite of, not	Discomfort
En-/Em-	Cause to, put into	Empowerment
Ex-	Former, out of	Ex-student
Extra-	Beyond, outside	Extracurricular
Fore-	Before	Foreknowledge, forecast
Hyper-	Over, above, excessive	Hyperactivity
In-/Im-/Ir-/Il-	Not, without	Incorrect, impossible
Inter-	Between, among	International
Intra-	Within	Intranet
Kilo-	Thousand	Kilogram
Mal-	Bad, ill	Malpractice
Mega-	Large, great, million	Megabyte
Micro-	Small	Microscope
Mini-	Small, reduced form	Minibus
Mis-	Wrong, badly	Misunderstanding
Mono-	One, single	Monologue
Multi-	Many	Multimedia
Neo-	New, recent	Neologism
Non-	Not, without	Nonfiction
Ob-	Against, toward	Obstacle, obstruction

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Out-	Beyond, outside, surpassing	Outcast
Over-	Too much, above	Overload
Pan-	All, every	Panorama
Per-	Through, throughout	Permeate, persist
Peri-	Around	Perimeter, periscope
Poly-	Many, much	Polygon
Post-	After	Postscript
Pre-	Before	Prefix
Re-	Again, back	Rereading
Semi-	Half, partially	Semicircle
Sub-	Under, below	Submarine
Super-	Above, beyond	Superstar
Tele-	Far, at a distance	Television
Trans-	Across, beyond	Transcript, transport
Tri-	Three	Triangle
Ultra-	Beyond, extreme	Ultraviolet
Un-	Not, opposite of	Unreal
Under-	Below, insufficient	Underdog
Vice-	Deputy, substitute	Vice-President