

# WORD PARTS: MOST COMMONLY USED PREFIXES

<b>PREFIX</b>	<b>MEANING</b>	<b>EXAMPLE</b>
a (or ab) ab ad ante anti auto	without or not away, from to, forward before against self	amoral, abnormal abhor, absent advance, adhere anteroom, antecedent antifreeze, antimatter, antibiotic automatic, automobile
bi	two	bifocal, bicycle
circum cent com co (or con) cor contra counter	round, around 100 with together, with with against against	circle, circumference, circumvent century companion cooperate, connect, conjoin correlative contrary, contradict counteract
de dec di dia dis	down or showing a reversal ten apart through not	descend, degrade, deactivate decade divorce diameter, diaphragm disapprove, disagree
e eu ex equi extra	out of happy out of equal above	edict, eclipse, eject euphoria excavate, expel, export equilateral extraterrestrial
hemi hyper hypo	½ over below	hemisphere hyperactive hypodermic
il im in intra inter ir	not not in or not within between or among not	illegal, illegitimate impossible, immoderate incorrect, invisible, inspect intrastate interstate, interval, international irresponsible
kilo	1,000	kilometer

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magni	large	magnitude
mal	bad	malfunction, malnutrition
micro	small	microscope, micrometer
mid	middle	midday
milli	1,000	millipede
mis	wrong	mispronounce
mono	one	monologue, monopoly, monotone
multi	many	multicolored

neo	new	neophyte
non	not	nonsense, nonprofit

ob	against	obstruct, obstinate
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pan	all	panacea, pandemonium
para	similar	paraprofessional
per	through	pervade, permeate
peri	around	perimeter, periscope
poly	many	polygon, polyglot
post	after	postgraduate, postdate
pre	before	preview, premarital
pro	forward	progress
pseudo	false	pseudonym, pseudoscience

quad	four	quadruplet
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re	again or back	review, return, redo, reject
retro	backward	retroactive, retrospect

semi	half	semicircle, semiannual
sub	under	submarine, subway
super	over	superhuman, superior
syn (or sym)	with or together	synchronize, symphony

tele	far	telegram, telepathy, telescope
trans	across	transportation, transcontinental
tri	three	triangle, triple

un	not	unsuccessful, unnatural
uni	one	uniformity

# **WORD PARTS: MOST COMMONLY USED ROOTS**

<b>ROOT</b>	<b>MEANING</b>	<b>EXAMPLE</b>
agri agro anthropo aqua astro audio auto avi	field field human water star hear self bird	agriculture agronomy anthropology aqualung, aquarium astronomy audience, audition automatic, autonomy, autobiography aviation

bene bibl bio	good, well book life	benefit, beneficiary Bible biography, biology
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chrom chron cide cor cord corp cred	color time kill heart heart body belief	monochromatic chronological, chronic insecticide, suicide core cordial corporal, incorporate credible, credit
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dem derm dict duc	people skin word or say lead	democracy dermatology dictate educate
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ego	self	egocentric, egotist
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fact fid fin flu frater fus	make trust end flow brother pour or blend	manufacture, factory infidelity final fluctuate fraternal, fraternity infuse, fuse
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gen geo graph greg	birth earth writing or drawing flock	genesis geography, geology autograph, graphic, biography congregation
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homo hydr	same, man water	homonym, homophone hydrant
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ject	throw	reject
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log log (or logy)	speech knowledge, record, or study of	dialogue catalog, biology, zoology
luc lus lum	light light light	translucent, lucid luster, illustrate illuminate
man meter mis mit mort mut	hand measure send send death or dying change	manipulate thermometer dismissal transmit immortal, mortuary, mortician mutation
nov	new	renovate
omni onym	all word or name	omnibus, omnipotent synonym, pseudonym
pac path pater ped philo phob phone photo port pos pot psych (or psycho) pyro	peace feeling or suffering father foot love fear sound light carry place strength mind fire	pacific sympathy, empathy paternal, paternity pedestrian, centipede, pedal bibliophile, philosophy phobia, claustrophobia telephone, phonics photograph transport position, impose impotent, potential psychology, psychic, psychoanalysis pyromaniac
scrib script soph solo spec	write write wise alone look or see	scribe, inscribe scripture, subscription philosopher, sophomore solo, solitude spectator, inspect
temp theo tort tract	time god or gods twist, turn draw, pull	temporary atheist, theology distortion extract
ven (or vent) ver vert vic vid vis viv voc vok	come true turn conquer see see life call, voice call, voice	venture, convention verify convertible, invert victory evident vision survive vocal evoke
zoo	animal	zoology, zoological

# WORD PARTS: MOST COMMONLY USED SUFFIXES

SUFFIX	MEANING	EXAMPLE
-able -age -al -an -ance -ant (noun) -ant (adj.) -ar -ary -ate -ation	capable of being act, condition like, suitable for person who state of being person state of being relating to place where to make quality or condition	readable, manageable, perishable wastage, postage comical, theatrical musician, American circumstance, resemblance occupant, accountant defiant, vacant muscular, lunar library, dictionary create, formulate, generate, imagination, realization
-ee -en -ence -ent	person who is made of state, quality person who	nominee, employee golden, wooden permanence, excellence, reference student, superintendent
-fic -ful (adj.) -ful (noun) -fy	causing, producing full of, characterized by, having the qualities of, liable to quantity that fills or would fill to make	scientific, prolific prideful, peaceful, masterful, helpful roomful, cupful, handful simplify, glorify, rectify, justify
-hood	state, condition	childhood, neighborhood
-ible -ic -ice -id -ile -ion -ism -ist -ity -ive -ize	capable of being of, characteristic of condition, quality state, condition relating to state of being act, state, or doctrine person who quality, state, degree relating to or tends toward to make, become	legible, divisible, collectible angelic, symphonic justice, malice fluid, squalid servile, infantile condition, confusion, action, tension criticism, alcoholism, Buddhism chemist, moralist, dentist activity, humanity, theatricality massive, inventive, active, destructive Americanize, modernize, symbolize
-less	without	helpless, motionless
-ment	state of being	improvement, fulfillment
-or (orer) -ory -ous	person who place for full of	conductor, inventor, teacher directory, dormitory famous, pious
-some	tending to	lonesome, troublesome
-tude -ty	condition state, condition	gratitude, attitude liberty, sanity
-ward	direction, course	backward, eastward