

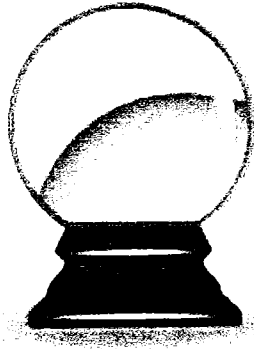
25 Most Common Prefixes

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<u>Prefix</u>	<u>Meaning</u>	<u>Example</u>
anti-	against	antifreeze
de-	opposite	defrost
dis- **	not, opposite of	disagree
en-, em-	cause to	enable, embolden
fore-	before	forecast
in-, im-	in	infield
in-, im-, il-, ir- **	not	insensitive, impossible
inter-	between	intermission
mid-	middle	midway
mis-	wrongly	misfire
non-	not	nonsense
over-	over	overlook
pre-	before	preorder
re- **	again	resubmit
semi-	half	semicircle
sub-	under	submarine
super-	above	superimposed
trans-	across	transport
un- **	not	unfriendly
under-	under	undersea

Common Number Prefixes

Greek	Latin	Meaning	Examples
mono-	uni-	1	monotone, monopoly, monologue, monogamy, monochrome, monograph, monomial, monotheism, universe, uniform, unicorn
di-	bi-, du-, duo-	2	dichotomy, bilingual, binary, bimonthly, binoculars, duo, duet, duel
tri-	tri-	3	tricycle, triad, triathlon, triangle, tripod, triumvirate, triple
tetra-	quadri-, quart-	4	tetrameter, quadrilateral, quadriplegic, quadrangle, quadruple quarter, quarterly, quartet, quartile
penta-	quin-	5	pentameter, pentagon, quintet, quintuplet, quintuplicate
hexa-	sext-	6	hexagon, hexameter, sextuplet, sextet, sextagenarian
hepta-	septem-, septi-	7	heptagon, heptameter, heptagon, septuagenarian
octo-	octa-, oct-	8	octagon, octogenarian, octopus, octahedron, octant
ennea-	novem-	9	novena
deca-	deci-, decem-	10	decade, decagon, decahedron, Decalogue, decimal, decibel
hemi-	semi-	half	hemisphere, semicircle, semicolon, semifinal, semiannual, semester, semisweet
poly-	multi-	many	polygon, polygamy, polyester, polymer, polynomial, multiply, multifaceted, multilingual, multitude, multivitamin, multiple
hecto-	cent-, cente-	100	cent, centennial, centurion, centipede, centenary, cent
kilo-, chilia-	milli-, mille-	1000	kilogram, kilometer, kilobyte, milligram, millisecond, millennium



Crystal Ball Words

Word:		
Prefix -	Root -	Suffix -
Prefix Definition -	Root Definition -	Suffix Definition -
Other words with this prefix -	Other words with this root -	Other words with this suffix -

Extend & Explore

Person	Thing	Action