



Common Prefixes

Prefix	Meaning	Example
A/an	Without	<i>Atheist</i>
Ante	Before	<i>Antecedent</i>
Anti	Against	<i>Anti-social</i>
Auto	Self	<i>Autobiography</i>
Circum	Around	<i>Circumstance</i>
Co	With	<i>Co-author</i>
Col	With	<i>Collude</i>
Com	With	<i>Companion</i>
Con	With	<i>Contact</i>
Contra	Against	<i>Contradict</i>
Contro	Against	<i>Controversy</i>
Counter	Opposite	<i>Counter-attack</i>
De	Reverse	<i>Demotivate</i>
Dia	Through	<i>Diagonal</i>
Dis	Remove	<i>Disagree</i>
Down	Reduce	<i>Downgrade</i>
En	Put into	<i>Enclose</i>
Ex	Out	<i>Expatriate</i>
Extra	Beyond	<i>Extraordinary</i>

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Hemi	Half	<i>Hemisphere</i>
Hetero	Different	<i>Heterosexual</i>
Homeo	Same	<i>Homeostasis</i>
Homo	Same	<i>Homophone</i>
Hyper	Extreme	<i>Hyperactive</i>
Hypo	Under	<i>Hypothermia</i>
Il	Not	<i>Illegal</i>
Im	Not	<i>Immoral</i>
In	Not	<i>Insecure</i>
Infra	Below	<i>Infrastructure</i>
Inter	Between	<i>International</i>
Intra	Inside	<i>Intravenous</i>
Intro	Within	<i>Introvert</i>
Ir	Not	<i>Irresponsible</i>
Macro	Very big	<i>Macrostructure</i>
Mega	Very big	<i>Megabyte</i>
Micro	Very small	<i>Microeconomics</i>
Mid	Middle	<i>Midnight</i>
Mis	Incorrect	<i>Misinterpret</i>
Mono	Single	<i>Monologue</i>
Non	Not	<i>Non-compliance</i>
Ob	Against	<i>Obstruct</i>
Of	Against	<i>Offend</i>
Omni	All	<i>Omnipresent</i>
Op	Against	<i>Oppose</i>
Out	Go beyond	<i>Outdo</i>

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Over	Too much	<i>Overpay</i>
Peri	Round	<i>Periscope</i>
Post	After	<i>Post-match</i>
Pre	Before	<i>Prehistoric</i>
Pro	In favour of	<i>Pro-life</i>
Re	Do again	<i>Redo</i>
Semi	Half	<i>Semicircle</i>
Sub	Under	<i>Submerge</i>
Super	Above	<i>Superhero</i>
Sym	Same	<i>Symmetry</i>
Syn	Same	<i>Synonym</i>
Tele	At a distance	<i>telework</i>
Trans	Across	<i>Transatlantic</i>
Tri	Three	<i>Tricycle</i>
Ultra	Extremely	<i>Ultrasound</i>
Un	Not	<i>Unfriendly</i>
Under	Below	<i>Undercharge</i>
Uni	Single	<i>Unicorn</i>
Up	Move higher	<i>Uphill</i>