



PREFIX: A group of letters joined to the beginning of an existing word.
A prefix has a meaning of its own, and it changes the meaning of the existing word.

PREFIX	MEANING	EXAMPLE	PREFIX	MEANING	EXAMPLE
dis	apart, not	<u>dis</u> agree	con	with	<u>con</u> solidate
ex	out of	<u>ex</u> port	counter	against	<u>counter</u> clockwise
in	not	<u>in</u> correct	de	from, down	<u>de</u> celerate
im	not	<u>im</u> possible	inter	between	<u>inter</u> continental
mid	in the middle	<u>mid</u> way	intra	within	<u>intra</u> state
mis	wrong	<u>mis</u> lead	mono	one	<u>mono</u> rail
post	after	<u>post</u> mark	sub	under	<u>sub</u> stitute
pre	before	<u>pre</u> view	tele	distant	<u>tele</u> scope
re	again, back	<u>re</u> call	trans	across	<u>trans</u> atlantic
un	not	<u>un</u> certain	ultra	beyond	<u>ultra</u> light

SUFFIX: A group of letters added to the end of an existing word.
A suffix has a meaning of its own, and it changes the meaning of the existing word.

SUFFIX	MEANING	EXAMPLE	PREFIX	MEANING	EXAMPLE
able	capable of being	reach <u>able</u>	age	action or process	cover <u>age</u>
ible	capable of being	illeg <u>ible</u>	al	of, like	person <u>al</u>
ance	act of	disturb <u>ance</u>	ate	of <i>or</i> having to do with	regulat <u>e</u>
ence	state of being	differ <u>ence</u>	er	more <i>or</i> one who does	carri <u>er</u>
ful	full of	care <u>ful</u>	ial	relating to	commerci <u>al</u>
ic	having to do with	hero <u>ic</u>	ity	state	authorit <u>y</u>
ish	like, tending toward	child <u>ish</u>	ment	act <i>or</i> state of	shipp <u>ment</u>
ism	state <i>or</i> quality of	real <u>ism</u>	tion	the act, process, or state of	distributi <u>on</u>
ive	of <i>or</i> having to do with	acti <u>ve</u>	ure	act of, process of	procedu <u>re</u>
ly	in the manner of	slow <u>ly</u>			
ous	full of	fam <u>ous</u>	or ous	full of	tremend <u>ous</u>

ROOT: Refers to its core or base meaning and is the basis of an entire family of words.
Knowing the root word can help you discover the meaning of a word..

PREFIX	MEANING	EXAMPLE	PREFIX	MEANING	EXAMPLE
aud	hear	<u>aud</u> ible	graph	instrument that writes or describes	tele <u>graph</u>
auto	self	<u>auto</u> graph	gress	step	pro <u>gress</u>
bio	life	<u>bio</u> graphy	phono	sound	<u>phono</u> graph
cept	take	<u>inter</u> cept	rupt	break	<u>rupt</u> ure
chrono	time	<u>synchron</u> ize	tort	twist	<u>distort</u>
electro	electric	<u>electromag</u> netic			