

What follows are lists of common suffixes, and prefixes. Some obvious ones are omitted - you likely know what the prefix *anti-* means, for example, so it isn't listed. Some roots also act as prefixes or suffixes, and vice versa; these are only listed once.

Helpful Prefixes and Suffixes

Prefix or Suffix	What It Means	Example
<i>a, an</i>	not, without	apathy, analgesic
<i>ab, abs</i>	away, from, separated	abdicate, abort
<i>ac, ad</i>	to, toward	acclaim, accrete, adhere, adjoin
<i>ambi,amphi</i>	both, around	ambiguous, ambidextrous, ambiance
<i>ante, anter</i>	before, prior, in front of	antebellum, antechamber, anterior, antique
<i>ap, apo</i>	away from, detached	apology, apostate, apostle
<i>cata, cat, cath</i>	downwards, against, contrary to	cataclysm, catapult, catharsis
<i>circum</i>	around	circumscribe, circumspect, circumference
<i>co, com, con</i>	with, together	cohabitation, comfort, collude, colloquy
<i>contra</i>	against	contradict, contrast
<i>de</i>	down from, reverse, remove, out of, derived from	decapitate, declare, deface, delegate, delineate
<i>di, dif, dis</i>	separation	disable, dispute, decrease, divert
<i>dys</i>	bad, difficult	dysentery, dysphoria
<i>ec, ecto, ex</i>	outside of, external, away from	eclectic, ecstasy, excursion, excuse, explode
<i>em, en, ent</i>	in, into, within	encourage, endemic, embryo, embargo, enchant
<i>epi</i>	over, above, around	epilogue, epitome, epidemic
<i>eu, ev</i>	well, good	euphoria, eulogy, euphemism
<i>hyper</i>	more, beyond normal, excessive	hyperkinetic, hypersonic
<i>hypo</i>	less, under, below	hypochondria, hypothesis
<i>in, im, em, en</i>	in, on, amongst, within	incarnate, insert, inspire, instruct, immolate, employ, enchant
<i>in, im</i>	not	immeasurable, improper, inadequate
<i>men, ment</i>	result, means of or product of an action	instrument, ailment, compartment, entanglement
<i>meta, meth</i>	after, along with, transfer, changed	metabolism, metaphor, metaphysics, method
<i>mis</i>	worse, badly	mischief, misadventure, mistake
<i>ob, of, op</i>	toward, against, face-to-face	object, obnoxious, occupy, oppose
<i>par, para</i>	beside, near, faulty	paradox, parasite, parody
<i>per</i>	through, thoroughly	perceive, permit, perpetrate, persuade
<i>peri</i>	around, near, beside	perimeter, peripheral
<i>pre</i>	before, in front of	precept, precede, prediction, predominant, pregnant
<i>pro</i>	earlier, before, forward	proclivity, pronounce, propose
<i>re</i>	back, backwards	recant, recount, recur
<i>se</i>	aside, away	secede, seclude, sever
<i>syl, sym, syn</i>	united, together with, same	synonym, sympathy, syllogism
<i>tra, trans</i>	beyond, across, through	transact, traverse, transport
<i>un</i>	not	unable, undeniable, undone