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| Prefix (ex) | Meaning (s) | Example (s) |
| a- | In, on, of, to | Abed-in bed |
| a-, ab-, abs- | From, away | Abrade- wear off, absent-away, not present |
| a-, an- | Lacking, not | asymptomatic-showing no symptoms, anaerobic- able to live without air |
| Ac-, ad-, af-, ag-, al-, an-, ap-, ar-, as-, at- | To toward | Accost- approach and speak to, adjunct- something added to, aggregate- bring together |
| Ambi-, amphi- | Around, both | Ambidextrous- using both hands equally |
| Ana- | Up, again, anew, throughout | Analyze- loosen up, break up into partsAnagram- word spelled by mixing up letter of another word |
| Ante- | Before | Antediluvian- before the flood |
| Anti- | Against | Antiwar-against war |
| Arch | First, chief | Archetype- first model |
| Auto- | Self | Automobile- self moving vehicle |
| Bene-, ben- | Good, well | Benefactor- one who does good deeds |
| Bi- | Two | Bilateral- two sided |
| Circum- | Around | Circumnavigate- sail around |
| Com-, co- col-, con- cor- | With, together | Concentrate- bring closer togetherCooperate- work togetherCollapse- fall together |
| Contra-, contro-, counter- | Against | Contradict- speak againstCounterclockwise- against the clock |
| De- | Away from, down, opposite of | Detract-draw away from |
| Demi- | Half | Demitasse-half cup |
| Di- | Twise, double | Dichromatic- having two colors |
| Dia- | Across, through | Diameter- measurement across |
| Dis-, di- | Not, away from | Dislike- to not likeDigress- turn away from the subject |
| Dys- | Bad, poor | Dyslexia- poor reading |
| Equi- | Equal | Equivalent- of equal value |
| Ex-, e-, ef- | From, out | Expatriate- one who lives outside his or her native countryEmit- send out |
| Extra- | Outside, beyond | Extraterrestrial- from beyond the earth |
| Fore- | In front of, previous | Forecast- tell ahead of timeForeleg- front leg |
| Geo- | Earth | Geography- science of the earth’s surface |
| Homo- | Same, like | Homophonic- sounding the same |
| Hyper- | Too much, over | Hyperactive- overly active |
| In-, il-, ig-, im-, ir- | Not | Innocent- not guiltyIgnorant- not knowingIllogical- not logicalIrresponsible- not responsible |
| In-, il-, im-, ir- | On, into, in | Impose- place onIncade- go into |
| Inter- | Between, among | Interplanetary- between plants |
| Intra-, intro-, | Within, inside | Intrastate- within a state |
| Mal-, male- | Bad, wrong, poor | Malpractice- bad practiceMaladjusted- adjust poorlyMalevolent- ill wishing |
| Mis- | Badly, wrongly | Misunderstand- understand wrongly |
| Mis-, miso- | Hatred | Misogyny- hatred of women |
| Mono- | Single, one | Monorail- train that runs on a single rail |
| Neo- | New | Neolithic- of the new stone age |
| Non- | Not | Nonentity- a nobody |
| Ob- | Over, against, toward | Obstruct- stand against |
| Omni- | All | Omnipresent- present in all places |
| Pan- | All | Panorama- a complete view |
| Peri- | Around, near | Periscope- device for seeing all around |
| Poly- | Many | Polygonal- many sides |
| Post- | After | Postmortem- after death |
| Pre- | Before, earlier than | Prejudice- judgment in advances |
| Pro- | In favor of, forward, in front of | Proceed- go forwardProwar- in favor of war |
| Re- | Back, again | Rethink- think againReimburse- pay back |
| Retro- | Backward | Retrospective- looking backward |
| Se- | Apart, away | Seclude- keep away |
| Semi- | Half | Semiconscious- half conscious |
| Sub-, suc-, suf-, sug-, sus- | Under, beneath | Subscribe- write underneathSuspend- hang downSuffer- undergo |
| Super- | Above, greater | Superfluous- overflowing, beyond what is needed |
| Syn-, sym-, syl-, sys- | With, at the same time | Synthesis- a putting togetherSympathy- a feeling with |
| Tele- | far | Television- machine for seeing far |
| Trans- | Across | Transport- carry across a distance |
| Un- | No | Uninformed- not informed |
| Vice- | Acting for, next in the rank to | Viceroy- one acting for the king |