

Common Prefixes and Associated Meanings

Position in Time

<u>before</u> : pre- preview	<u>after</u> : post- postscript
<u>before</u> : ante-, fore- antecedent, foreground	

Negative

<u>without, not</u> : a(n)- atheist, anaerobic	<u>not, opposite</u> : de-, dis- descend, disassociate
<u>wrongly</u> : mis- misplace	<u>not</u> : non-, un- nonsense, unfounded
<u>not</u> : in-, im-, il-, ir- invisible, impossible, illegal, irregular	

Quantity

<u>excessive</u> : hyper-, over- hypersensitive, overachiever
<u>insufficient</u> : hypo-, under-* hypothermia, underappreciate

Quality

<u>good</u> : eu-, ben- euphoria, benefit	<u>bad</u> : dys-, mal- dystopia, malcontent
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Size

<u>large</u> : macro- macroeconomics	<u>small</u> : micro-, mini- microscope, miniscule
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More

<u>more, better</u> : out-* outlast	<u>over/above</u> : sur- surmount
<u>beyond</u> : super-, ultra- supernatural, ultrarealist	

Other

<u>self</u> : auto- autonomy	<u>make/cause</u> : be- bedazzle	<u>cause to</u> : en-, em- enslave, embolden	<u>former</u> : ex- ex-boyfriend
<u>new</u> : neo- neonatal	<u>forward</u> : pro-* progress	<u>in favor of</u> : pro-* pro-choice	<u>again</u> : re- reiterate

Position in Space

<u>in, into, inside</u> : in-* inland	<u>between</u> : inter- intersection
<u>under</u> : sub-, under-* submarine, underwater	<u>within</u> : intra-, intro- intravenous, introduce
<u>around</u> : circum- circumference	<u>middle</u> : mid- midsection
<u>out, outside</u> : out-* outsource	<u>across</u> : trans- transportation
<u>out</u> : ex- external	<u>distant</u> : tele- telecommute
<u>outside</u> : ecto- exo-, extra- ectothermic, exosphere, extraterrestrial	

Number

<u>half</u> : hemi-, semi- hemisphere, semicircle	<u>one</u> : mono-, uni- monotone, unicycle
<u>two</u> : di-, bi- divide, bilingual	<u>three</u> : tri- triangle
<u>four</u> : quad-, quart- quadrant, quartet	<u>ten</u> : deca-, deci- decade, decimal
<u>hundred</u> : cent(e)- century, centennial	<u>thousand</u> : kilo-, milli- kilogram, millimeter
<u>million</u> : mega- megaton	<u>many</u> : poly-, multi- polygon, multimedia

Relationship

<u>together</u> : sym-, syn-, co-, con- symbiotic, synonym, codependent, converse
<u>against</u> : anti-, contra-, counter- antithesis, contradict, counteroffer

Common Suffixes and Associated Meanings

Noun

<u>result of action:</u> -age shortage	<u>place for:</u> -ary dictionary
<u>place/state:</u> -dom kingdom, stardom	<u>doctrine/belief:</u> -ism capitalism
<u>study of:</u> -ology zoology	<u>action/result:</u> -ure pressure
<u>condition, office, skill or group:</u> -ship kingship, apprenticeship, citizenship	
<u>people:</u> -ary, -er, -or, -ee, -ian, -ist secretary, lawyer, doctor, trainee, civilian, pianist	

Adjective

<u>characterized by:</u> -y happy	<u>without:</u> -less hopeless
<u>relating to:</u> -ic(al) historic, radical	<u>capable of:</u> -able, -ible respectable, flexible
<u>more:</u> -er larger	<u>most:</u> -est largest
<u>relating to:</u> -ish childish	<u>made of:</u> -en wooden
<u>full of:</u> -(i/e)ous, -ful joyous, gracious, righteous, bountiful	

Other noun endings:

-al* scandal	-cy decency	-ance/ence romance
-hood neighborhood	-sion conclusion	-tion introduction
-ity dignity	-ment judgment	-ness happiness

Other adjective endings:

-al* personal	-ial partial	-ant important
-ent different	-ive selective	-itive/-ative sensitive

Adverbs

-ly mainly, literally	<u>In the direction of:</u> -ward forward
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Verbs

-ate educate	-en strengthen
-ify qualify	-ize/-ise realize, advertise

*indicates that the affix is listed elsewhere in other contexts