

Prefixes List A to Z in English Grammar

Here is the quick list of prefixes from a to z:

Prefix	Meaning	Example
ab	from, away	Abnormal, absorb, abstain
a	not, without	abyss
ad	to, toward, near	Adjacent, adjoin, adsorb
ambi	both	Ambidextrous, ambient
ante	before	Antecedent, antelope, antefixa
ante-	before	antenatal, antedate
anti-	against, opposing	antidepressant, antidote, antibody
arch	chief, most important	Archangel, arch-nemesis
a	at, in, on, to	asleep
at	to, toward	attend
auto	self	automobile
be	about, become	befriend
bene	good	benevolent
bi	two, twice	Biannual, bishop

circum-	around	circumvent, circumnavigate
co	with, together	coexist
con	with, jointly	concur
contra	against	contradict
counter	opposite	counterclockwise
co-	with	co-pilot, co-operation
deca	ten	decathlon
demi	half	Demigod, decode, debug
de-	off, down, away from	defrost, derail, demotivate
dia	through, across	diameter
dis-	opposite of, not	disappear, disintegrate, disapprove, disconnect
di	two	divert
dys	bad, abnormal	dysfunction
Em-	Cause to	Embrace, emphasis
em-, en-	cause to, put into	encode, embed, enclose, engulf
en	to cause, provide	enable
En-	Cause to	Encode, encounter
endo	internal	endocrine

epi-	upon, close to, after	episcope, epidermis
equi	equal	equidistant
ethno	race, nation	ethnography
ex-	former, out of	ex-boyfriend, exterminate
extra-	beyond, more than	extraordinary, extra-terrestrial
fore-	before	forecast, forehead, foresee, foreword, foremost
Fore-	Before	Forecast, foresight
homo-	same	homonuclear, homoplastic
hyper-	over, above	hyperactive, hyperventilate
Im-	In	Imbalance
il-, im-, in-, ir-	not	illegal, irresponsible, indefinite
In-	In	Infield, infiltrate
infra-	beneath, below	infrared, infrasonic, infraspecific
In-, im-, il-, ir-	Not	Injustice, impossible, irregular
im-, in-	into	insert, import, inside
inter-, intra-	between	intermediate, intergalactic, intranet
macro-	large	macroeconomics, macromolecule

micro-	small	microscope, microbiology, microfilm, microwave
mid-	middle	midway, midsummer
mis-	wrongly	misinterpret, misfire, mistake, misunderstand
mono-	one, singular	monobrow, monolithic
non-	not, without	nonsense, nonentity, nondescript
omni-	all, every	omnivore, omnipotent
Over-	Over	Overlook, overdue
para-	beside	paramedic, paradox
post-	after	post-mortem, postpone, post-natal
pre-	before	prefix, predetermine
Pre-	Before	Prefix, preschool
re-	again	return, reiterate, reunite, rebuilt
semi-	half	semi-final, semiconscious, semicircle
Sub-	Under	Subeditor, subterranean
sub-	under	submarine, sub-category, subtitle
super-	above, over	superfood, superstar, supernatural, superimpose
therm-	heat	thermometer, thermostat, thermodynamic

trans-	across, beyond	transport, transnational, <u>transatlantic</u>
tri-	three	triangle, tripod, tricycle
Under-	Under	Understand, undersea
un-	not	unfinished, unfriendly, undone, unknown
Un-	Not	Unfriendly, unsatisfied
uni-	one	unicycle, universal, unilateral, unanimous