

Following are some of the most useful prefixes, roots, and suffixes.

Prefixes	Meaning	Example
1. ab	from	ab erration
2. ad—also ac, af, ag, al,an, ap, ar, as, at	to	adequate
3. ambi	both	ambi dextrous
4. an—also a	without	an archy
5. anti	against	anti pathetic
6. ante	before	ante cedent
7. be	throughout	belie
8. bi	two	bi lateral
9. cata	down	cata comb
10. circum	around	circum scribe
11. com—also con, col, , cor, cog, co	together	con fluence
12. contra	against	contra vene
13. de	down (negative)	de base
14. deca	ten	deca thlon
15. decem	ten	decim al
16. di	two	di graph
17. dia	through, between	dia lectic
18. dis	apart (negative)	dis parity
19. du	two	du plicate
20. dys	abnormal	dys phoria

21. epi	upon	epicenter
22. equi	equal	equitable
23. ex	out	extricate
24. extra	beyond	extraterrestrial
25. fore	in front of	foreword
26. hemi	half	hemisphere
27. hyper	excessive	hyperbole
28. hypo	too little	hypothermia
29. in—also ig, il, im, ir	not	inefficient
30. in—also il, im, ir in,	very	invite, inflammable
31. inter	between	interloper
32. intro—also intra	inside	introspective
33. kilo	one thousand	kilogram
34. meta	changing	metaphysics
35. micro	small	microcosm
36. mili—also milli	one thousand	millipede
37. mis	bad, hate	misanthrope
38. mono	one	monopoly
39. multi	many	multifarious
40. neo	new	neophyte
41. nil—also nihil	nothing	nihilism
42. non	not	nonentity
43. ob—also oc, of, op	against	obstinate
44. pan	all	panegyric
45. para	beside	paranormal

46. per	throughout	permeate
47. peri	around	periscope
48. poly	many	polyglot
49. post	after	posterity
50. pre	before	predecessor
51. prim	first	primitive
52. pro	forward	procession
53. quad	four	quadruple
54. re	again	reiterate
55. retro	backward	retrograde
56. semi	half	semiliterate
57. sub—also suc, suf, sug, sup, sus	under	succumb
58. super—also supra	above	superannuated
59. syn—also sym, syl	together	synthesis
60. trans	across	transgression
61. un	not	unkempt
62. uni	one	unique

Roots

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1. ac	bitter, sharp	acid
2. agog	leader	dem agog ue
3. agri—also agrari	field	agri culture
4. ali	other	alien ate
5. alt	high	alto stratus
6. alter	other	altern ative
7. am	love	ami able
8. anim	soul	anim adversion
9. anthrop	man, people	anthrop ology
10. arch	ruler	mon arch
11. aud	hear	aud itory
12. auto	self	auto cracy
13. belli	war	bellic ose
14. ben	good	bene volence
15. biblio	book	bibli ophile
16. bio	life	bio sphere
17. cap	take	cap rice
18. capit	head	capit ulate
19. carn	flesh	in carn ate
20. ced	go	ac cede
21. celer	swift	ac celer ate
22. cent	one hundred	cent urion

23. chron	time	chronology
24. cide	cut, kill	fratricide
25. cit	to call	recite
26. civ	citizen	civility
27. cord	heart	cordial
28. corp	body	corporeal
29. cosm	universe	cosmopolitan
30. crat	power	plutocrat
31. cred	belief	incredulous
32. cur	to care	curable
33. deb	debt	debit
34. dem	people	demagogue
35. dic	to say	Dictaphone
36. doc	to teach	doctorate
37. dynam	power	dynamism
38. ego	I	egocentric
39. err	to wander	errant
40. eu	good	euphemism
41. fac—also fic, fec, fect	to make	affectation
42. fall	false	infallible
43. fer	to carry	fertile
44. fid	faith	confidence
45. fin	end	finish
46. fort	strong	fortitude
47. gen	race, group	genocide

48. geo	earth	geology
49. germ	vital part	germane
50. gest	carry	gesticulate
51. gnosi	know	prognosis
52. grad—also gress	step	transgress
53. graph	writing	calligraphy
54. grav	heavy	gravitate
55. greg	crowd	egregious
56. habit	to have, live	habituate
57. hema—also hemo	blood	hemorrhage
58. hetero	different	heterogeneous
59. homo	same	homogenized
60. hum	earth, man	humble
61. jac—also jec	throw	interjection
62. jud	judge	judicious
63. junct—also join	combine	disjunctive
64. jus—also jur	law, to swear	adjure
65. leg	law	legislator
66. liber	free	libertine
67. lic	permit	illicit
68. loc	place	locomotion
69. log	word	logic
70. loqu	speak	soliloquy
71. macro	large	macrobiotics
72. magn	large	magnanimous

73. mal	bad	malevolent
74. manu	by hand	manuscript
75. matr	mother	matriarch
76. medi	middle	medieval
77. meter	measure	perimeter
78. mit—also miss	send	missive
79. morph	form, structure	anthropo morphic
80. mut	change	im mutable
81. nat—also nasc	born	nascent
82. neg	deny	re negade
83. nomen	name	nominal
84. nov	new	in novative
85. omni	all	omniscient
86. oper—also opus	work	operative
87. pac—also plais	please	com plaisant
88. pater—also patr	father	expatriate
89. path	disease, feeling	pathos
90. ped—also pod	foot	pedestal
91. pel—also puls	push	im pulsive
92. pen	hang	app endix
93. phil	love	philanthropic
94. pict	paint	dep ict
95. poli	city	metrop olis
96. port	carry	de portment
97. pos—also pon	to place	posit

98. pot	power	potentate
99. put	think	computer
100. rect—also reg	straight	rectitude
101. ridi—also risi	laughter	derision
102. rog	beg	interrogate
103. rupt	break	interruption
104. sanct	holy	sanctimonious
105. sangui	blood	sanguinary
106. sat	enough	satiate
107. sci	know	conscience
108. scrib—also script	to write	circumscribe
109. sequ—also secu	follow	sequence
110. simil—also simul	resembling	simile
111. solv—also solute	loosen	absolve
112. soph	wisdom	unsophisticated
113. spec	look	circumspect
114. spir	breathe	aspire
115. strict—also string	bind	astrigent
116. stru	build	construe
117. tact—also tang, tig	touch	intangible
118. techni	skill	technique
119. tempor	time	temporal
120. ten	hold	tenacious
121. term	end	interminable
122. terr	earth	extraterrestrial

123. test	to witness	testimony
124. the	god	theocracy
125. therm	heat	thermodynamics
126. tom	cut	epitome
127. tort—also tors	twist	distortion
128. tract	draw, pull	abstract
129. trib	bestow	attribute
130. trud—also trus	push	protrude
131. tuit—also tut	teach	intuitive
132. ultima	last	penultimate
133. ultra	beyond	ultraviolet
134. urb	city	urbane
135. vac	empty	vacuous
136. val	strength, valor	valediction
137. ven	come	adventure
138. ver	true	veracity
139. verb	word	verbose
140. vest	clothe	travesty
141. vic	change	vicissitude
142. vit—also viv	alive	vivacious
143. voc	voice	vociferous
144. vol	wish	volition

Suffixes

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1. able—also ible	capable of	legible
2. acy	state of	celibacy
3. ant	full of	luxuriant
4. ate	to make	consecrate
5. er, or	one who	censor
6. fic	making	traffic
7. ism	belief	monotheism
8. ist	one who	fascist
9. ize	to make	victimize
10. oid	like	steroid
11. ology	study of	biology
12. ose	full of	verbose
13. ous	full of	fatuous
14. tude	state of	rectitude
15. ure	state of, act	primogeniture