

prefixes

Prefixes are word parts that can be attached to the beginning of a word to create a completely new word with a different meaning.

Every prefix means something particular, for example:

re (again) + **visit** = **revisit**

un (not) + **dressed** = **undressed**

A list of prefixes

Prefix	Meaning	Examples
al-	all	almighty, always
arch-	chief	archbishop, archduke
ambi-	both	ambidextrous, ambiguous
auto-	self	autograph, autopilot
bi-	two	bicycle, bilingual
contra-, counter-	against	contrary, counterbalance
de-	take back or away	decode, deforest
dis-	the opposite of	dishonest, disagree
ex-	out of, outside	export, exclude
extra-	outside, more	extraordinary, extravagant
fore-	before, earlier	forecast, foretell, forefather
il-, im-, in-, ir-	not	illegal, impossible, invisible, irresponsible
inter-	between	international, interval
mis-	wrong	misbehave, misspell
multi-	many	multicoloured, multipurpose
non-	not	nonsense, nonstop
over-	too much	overweight, overwork, overheat
poly-	many	polygon, polyhedron
post-	after	post-war, postdate
pre-	before	prefix, prehistoric, premature
re-	again, repeated	rearrange, replace
semi-	half	semicircle
sub-	under	submarine, subway
super-	above, beyond	supernatural, supersonic
tele-	far, distant	telephone, television
trans-	across, beyond	transatlantic, transport, transfer
tri-	three	triangle, tricycle
un-	not	unable, undo
uni-	one	unicycle, uniform