

### Some common Greek and Latin roots:

Root (source)	Meaning	English words
aster, astr (G)	star	astronomy, astrology
audi (L)	to hear	audible, auditorium
bene (L)	good, well	benefit, benevolent
bio (G)	life	biology, autobiography
dic, dict (L)	to speak	dictionary, dictator
fer (L)	to carry	transfer, referral
fix (L)	to fasten	fix, suffix, affix
geo (G)	earth	geography, geology
graph (G)	to write	graphic, photography
jur, just (L)	law	jury, justice
log, logue (G)	word, thought, speech	monolog(ue), astrology, biology, neologism
luc (L)	light	lucid, translucent
manu (L)	hand	manual, manuscript
meter, metr (G)	measure	metric, thermometer
op, oper (L)	work	operation, operator
path (G)	feeling	pathetic, sympathy, empathy
ped (G)	child	pediatrics, pedophile
phil (G)	love	philosophy, Anglophile
phys (G)	body, nature	physical, physics
scrib, script (L)	to write	scribble, manuscript
soph, sophy (G)	wisdom	sophomore, philosopher
tele (G)	far off	telephone, television
ter, terr (L)	earth	territory, extraterrestrial
vac (L)	empty	vacant, vacuum, evacuate
verb (L)	word	verbal, verbose
vid, vis (L)	to see	video, vision, television

### Prefixes showing quantity

Meaning	Prefixes in English Words
half	<u>semi</u> annual, <u>hemis</u> phere
one	<u>uni</u> cycle, <u>mon</u> archy, <u>monorail</u>
two	<u>bi</u> nary, <u>bi</u> monthly, <u>di</u> lemma, <u>di</u> chotomy
hundred	<u>cent</u> ury, <u>centi</u> meter, <u>hecto</u> liter
thousand	<u>milli</u> meter, <u>kilo</u> meter

### Prefixes showing negation

without, no, not	<u>a</u> sexual, <u>an</u> onymous, <u>il</u> legal, <u>im</u> moral, <u>in</u> valid, <u>ir</u> reverent, <u>un</u> skilled
not, absence of, opposing, against	<u>non</u> breakable, <u>ant</u> acid, <u>anti</u> pathy, <u>con</u> tradict
opposite to, complement to	<u>counterclockwise</u> , <u>counterweight</u>
do the opposite of, remove, reduce	<u>de</u> horn, <u>de</u> vitalize, <u>de</u> value
do the opposite of, deprive of	<u>dis</u> establish, <u>dis</u> arm
wrongly, bad	<u>mis</u> judge, <u>mis</u> deed

### Prefixes showing time

before	<u>ante</u> cedent, <u>fore</u> cast, <u>pre</u> cede, <u>pro</u> logue
after	<u>post</u> war
again	<u>re</u> write, <u>re</u> dundant

### Prefixes showing direction or position

above, over	<u>super</u> viser, <u>supererogatory</u>
across, over	<u>trans</u> port, <u>trans</u> late
below, under	<u>infrasonic</u> , <u>infra</u> structure, <u>sub</u> terranean, <u>hypo</u> dermic
in front of	<u>pro</u> ceed, <u>pre</u> fix
behind	<u>re</u> cede
out of	<u>erupt</u> , <u>explicit</u> , <u>ecstasy</u>

into                    injection, immerse, encourage, empower  
around                circumnavigate, perimeter  
with                    coexist, colloquy, communicate, consequence, correspond, sympathy, synchronize

- Typical **noun suffixes** are -ence, -ance, -or, -er, -ment, -list, -ism, -ship, -ency, -sion, -tion, -ness, -hood, -dom
- Typical **verb suffixes** are -en, -ify, -ize, -ate
- Typical **adjective suffixes** are -able, -ible, -al, -tial, -tic, -ly, -ful, -ous, -tive, -less, -ish, -ulent
- The **adverb suffix** is -ly (although not all words that end in -ly are adverbs—like friendly)

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