

Vocab 1

Prefixes that mean “no”

Prefix	Meaning	Examples
a-, an-	without, not	atypical, anarchy
de-	reverse action, away	defrost, deduct
dis-, dif-	not, apart	dissatisfied, disorganized, different
in-, il-, im-	not	inappropriate, invisible, illegal, impossible
non-, un-	not	nonsense, unreliable, unlikely
contra-, counter-	against	contrary, contradict, counterargument

Vocab 2

Prefixes that indicate “when,” “where,” or “more”

Prefix	Meaning	Examples
ante-	before	antecedent, antebellum
pre-, pro-	before	previous, precede, prologue
post-	after	postwar, postpone
inter-	between, among	interstate, interfere, intercept
intra-	within	intrastate, intravenous
trans-	across	transparent, transaction
sub-	under	submarine, submerge,
circum-	around	circumference, circumnavigate
ultra-	beyond, excessive	ultrasonic, ultraviolet

Vocab 3

Prefixes that indicate number

Prefix	Meaning	Examples
multi-	many, much	multiply, multicolored
super-	above, beyond	Superman, superior, superpower
equi-	equal	equator, equation, equilibrium
semi-, hemi-	half	semicircle, hemisphere
mid-	middle	midsemester
over-	too much	overdue, overdo, overpriced, overbearing
under-	below, less than	underpaid, undercover, underage
hyper-	excessive	hyperactive, hypersensitive, hypercritical
hypo-	under, too little	hypothesis, hypothermia

Vocab 4
Prefixes that describe size and number

Prefix	Meaning	Examples
macro-	large, long	macroscopic, macromolecule, m-nutrient
magni-	great	magnify, magnitude, magnificent
mega-	large	Megacycle, megalith, megalomania
micro-	small, short	microbe, microphone, microscope
mini-	small	miniature, minute, minimal
extra-	beyond	extraordinary, extravagant, extraterrestrial
poly-	many	polysyllabic, polyester, polygamy
olig-	few	oligarchy, oligopoly, oligophagous
ambi-	both	ambidextrous, ambiguous, amphibian
auto-	self	automobile, automatic, autobiography

Vocab 5
Prefixes that work against or oppose

Prefix	Meaning	Examples
anti-	against	antiwar, antifreeze, antislavery, antisocial
ex-	former	ex-president, ex-athlete, ex-boy/girlfriend
mis-	wrong, not	misbehave, mistake, miscount
re-	back	recall, recede, repay, reflect, retract, rebate
with-	back, away	withdraw, withhold, without
de-, dis-	opposite of, not	deplete, deactivate, discover, dislike, dishonor
e-	out, away	evict, eject, erupt, emancipate
pseudo-	false	pseudonym, pseudopod, pseudoclassical
for-	prohibit	forbid, forget, forsake, forgo

Vocab 6
Prefixes that are opposites

Prefix	Meaning	Examples
bene-, eu-	good	benefit, benevolent, euphemism, euphoria
mal-, dys-	bad	malfunction, malevolent, dysfunctional
homo-	same	homogeneous, homophone, homogenize
hetero-	different	heterogeneous, heteronym, heterozygous
pro- (repeat)	forward (new def)	proceed, progress, project, prophet, prognosis
re- (repeat)	back (same def)	recall, recede, retract, reflect, rebate
intro-	inside	introduce, introspect, introvert
extra- (repeat)	outside (new def)	extracurricular, extraordinary, extra

Vocab 7
Prefixes: A little bit of everything

Prefix	Meaning	Examples
com-	with	combine, compare, commune, community
co-	together	cooperate, collaborate, coordinate, coincide, co-teach
syn-	together	synchronize, synonym, synthesis
di-	two, double	dilemma, dioxide, digraph
omni-	all	omnificent, omnipotent, omnivore, omniscient
be-	make	befriend, bewitch, becalm, bejewel
meta-	change	metamorphosis, metaphor, metastasis
neo-	new	neoclassic, neologism, neon, neonatal
tele-	distant	telescope, tv, telegram, telepathy, telephone
dia-	through, across	diameter, dialogue, diagonal, diagnose, dialect

Vocab Answers

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Vocab 7
Prefixes: A little bit of everything

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co-, syn	together	neo-	new
di-	two, double	tele-	distant
omni-	all	dia-	through, across
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