

## Most Common Prefixes

Prefix	Meaning	Key Word
<b>anti-</b>	against	antifreeze
<b>de-</b>	opposite	defrost
<b>dis-*</b>	not, opposite of	disagree
<b>en-, em-</b>	cause to	encode, embrace
<b>fore-</b>	before	forecast
<b>in-, im-</b>	in	infield
<b>in-, im-, il-, ir-*</b>	not	injustice, impossible
<b>inter-</b>	between	interact
<b>mid-</b>	middle	midway
<b>mis-</b>	wrongly	misfire
<b>non-</b>	not	nonsense
<b>over-</b>	over	overlook
<b>pre-</b>	before	prefix
<b>re-*</b>	again	return
<b>semi-</b>	half	semicircle
<b>sub-</b>	under	submarine
<b>super-</b>	above	superstar
<b>trans-</b>	across	transport
<b>un-*</b>	not	unfriendly
<b>under-</b>	under	undersea

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## Most Common Suffixes

Suffix	Meaning	Key Word
<b>-able, -ible</b>	can be done	comfortable
<b>-al, -ial</b>	having characteristics of	personal
<b>-ed*</b>	past-tense verbs	hopped
<b>-en</b>	made of	wooden
<b>-er</b>	comparative	higher
<b>-er,</b>	one who	worker, actor
<b>-est</b>	comparative	biggest
<b>-ful</b>	full of	careful
<b>-ic</b>	having characteristics of	linguistic
<b>-ing*</b>	verb form/ present participle	running
<b>-ion, -tion, -ation, ition</b>	act, process	occasion, attraction
<b>-ity, -ty</b>	state of	infinity
<b>-ive, -ative, -itive</b>	adjective form of a noun	plaintive
<b>-less</b>	without	fearless
<b>-ly*</b>	characteristic of	quickly
<b>-ment</b>	action or process	enjoyment
<b>-ness</b>	state of, condition of	kindness
<b>-ous, -eous, -ious</b>	possessing the qualities of	joyous
<b>-s, -es*</b>	more than one	books, boxes
<b>-y</b>	characterized by	happy

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