

25 PREFIXES

Prefixes are added to the beginning of words to change their meaning. Knowing some of the most common prefixes makes it easier to guess the meaning of unknown words.

Prefix	Meaning	Example
a/an	without	amoral
anti	against	antiracism
auto	self	autobiography
circum	around	circumvent
co/com/con	with	contact
contra/contro	opposite	controversy
de/dis	opposite of	disappear
en	put into	enslave
ex	out of	extract
extra	beyond	extracurricular
il/im/in/ir	without	illegal
inter	between	international
intra/intro	within	introvert
mis	mistaken	misunderstood
mono	one	monotony
non	not	non-smoker
post	after	postmodern
pre/pro	before	predict
pro	forward	progress
re	again	restart
semi	half	semifinals
sub	under	submarine
sym/syn	together	synchronize
trans	across	translation
un	not	unfriendly