

I. A List of prefixes, suffixes and roots

Common Prefixes

<i>Prefix</i>	<i>Example</i>	<i>Meaning</i>
a-, an-	amoral, anaerobic	not, without, lacking
ab-, a-, abs-	abhor, abscond	away from
ad-, ac-, af-, ag-, al-, an-, ap-, ar-, as-, at-	adhere, approach	toward
ambi-	ambivalence	both
amphi-	amphitheater	on both sides, around
ante-	antebellum	before
anti-	antibiotic	against
auto-	automatic	self
bi-	bisect	two
centi-	century	hundred
circum-	circumstance	around
con-, com-, co-, col-, cor-	correlate, cooperate, collect	with, in association,
contra-	contradiction	together
de-	descend	against
dec-, deca-	decade	away from, out of, separation
di-	dicotyledon	ten
dia-	diameter	two, twice, double
dis-	dissatisfied	through, between, across
ex-, e-, ef-	evict	not
fore-	foreground	out of, from
hemi-	hemisphere	before, front, superior
hepta-	heptagon	half
hexa-	hexagon	seven
hyper-	hypersensitive	six
in-, il-, ir-, im-	invisible, illegal, irregular	over, above
inter-	interact	not; also means “in” and is used as an intensifier
intro-, intra-	introvert	between, among
kilo-	kilocycle	within
milli-	millennium	thousand
misspell	misspell	thousand
mis-	monopoly	wrong, not
mono-	multitude	one
multi-		many
non-	nonsense	
nona-	nonagon	
ob, oc-, of-	obstruct	not
oct-	octagon	nine
omni-	omnipotent	toward, to, on, over, against eight

pan- per- pro- quadr- quin- re- retro- se- semi- sept- sex- sub-, suc, suf-, sur-, sug-, sus- super- syn-, sym- tele- tetra- trans-, tra- tri- ultra- un- uni-	pantheist perceive promote quadrupled quintuplet reorganize retrograde select semiannual septuplet sextant supplant supersede synchronize telegraph tetrameter traverse triple ultramodern unnatural unilateral	all all through, thoroughly, very in favor of, advancing four five backward, again backward apart half seven six under, below, slightly above, beyond with, together distance four across, beyond, through three beyond, farther not one
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Common Suffixes

<i>Suffix</i>	<i>Example</i>	<i>Meaning</i>
-able, -ible -acy -age	durable, visible piracy, privacy breakage, orphanage	able quality, state, office pertaining to; also a noun-forming suffix
-al	rental, abdominal	adjective- or noun-forming suffix
-ance, -ence -ant	insurance, competence reliant, servant	adjective- or noun-forming suffix
-arium, -orium -ary	aquarium, auditorium dictionary, elementary	adjective- or noun-forming suffix
-ate -ation, -ition	activate, animate creation, condition	place, instrument pertaining to, connected with verb-forming suffix
-cle, -icle -esque	corpuscle, denticle picturesque	combination of <i>-ate</i> and <i>-ion</i> used for forming nouns

-ferous -ful -fy, -ify -hood -ic -ism -itis -ity -ive -ize -ment -mony -oid -or -ose, -ous -osis -tude	coniferous colorful fortify, magnify childhood, statehood democratic, phonic conservatism, Marxism appendicitis acidity, familiarity creative, suggestive memorize, modernize statement testimony, parsimony ellipsoid conqueror, generator verbose, porous hypnosis solitude, altitude	small, diminutive style, manner, distinctive character bearing full of to make, to cause to be station, condition, nature suffix forming adjectives from nouns used to form nouns denoting action, practice, principles, doctrines inflammation, abnormal state or condition used to form nouns expressing state or condition suffix of adjectives expressing tendency, disposition, function verb suffix denotes an action, resulting state, product result or condition, denotes action or condition resembling, like one who does something full of denotes action, state, process, or condition indicates nouns formed from adjectives
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Common Roots

<i>Root</i>	<i>Example</i>	<i>Meaning</i>
ag, act	activate, enact, agile, agency	to do
anthrop	anthropology, anthropomorphic,	man
aqua	misanthrope	water
aud	aquifer, aquatic, aqueous audible, audition, audi- torium, audience	to hear
auto	automatic, automation,	self

bene	automaton	good
cap, capt, chap	benefit, benevolent, benign decapitate, capture, captain, chapter	head
ceed, cede, cess		to go, yield
chrom	proceed, precedent, cease	color
chron	chromatic, chromosome synchronize, chronology, chronic	time
cogn	cognition, recognize,	to know
corp	cognitive	body
cred	corporate, corpulent, corporation	to believe
dent, dont	credit, incredible, credulous orthodontist, dental, dentifrice	tooth
derm		skin
dic, dict	dermatology, epidermis, dermatitis	to say
don, donat	dictionary, dictate, predict, indict	to give
dox	donate, donor, condone, pardon	belief
duc	doxology, paradox	to lead in
fac, fic, fy	duct, reduce, produce, conduct	to make, do
fer	manufacture, factory, verify	
fie	transfer, ferry, confer, defer, suffer	to bear faith
fluc, flux	confident, infidel, confide	
graph	fluctuate, fluxion	to flow to write
gress	graphite, telegraph, phonograph	
ject	transgress, congress, egress deject, rejection, conjecture, trajectory	to step to throw
loc		place
loq, loc	local, locate, location, dislocate	to speak
mal	eloquent, elocution, interlocutor	bad
manu	malevolent, malapropism, malefactor	hand
	manufacture, manuscript, manacle, manual	

miso, misa		bad
mit, mis	misanthrope, misogamy emit, permit, dismissal, omit, missile	to send
morph		shape
mort	morphology, endomorph, metamorphosis	
		dead
mov, mot, mob	mortician, mortuary, mortify	to move
neb	motivate, motion, motile, remove	cloudy
omni		all
path	nebulous, nebula omnipresent, omniscient, omnipotent	suffering, disease, feeling
ped	sympathy, empathic, pathetic	foot
phil		love
pod	pedestrian, pedometer, pedicure	
scrib, script	philosophy, philanthropy, philharmonic	foot to write
	podiatrist, pseudopod transcript, prescribe, description	