Prefix Words and Their Meanings



Prefix	Meaning	Example Words
anti-	against	antibacterial, antifreeze, antivirus
auto-	self	autobiography, autopilot, autograph
bi-	two	bicycle, bilingual, biweekly
co-	together or with	cooperate, coauthor, coexist
de-	off or remove	defrost, deactivate, decode
en-/em-	cause to	enable, embrace, empower
ex-	out or former	exit, exhale, exchange
in-/im-	not	incorrect, impossible, inactive
inter-	between or among	interact, international, interview
micro-	small	microscope, microchip, microorganism
mis-	wrong or badly	misplace, misunderstand, misspell
multi-	many	multicolor, multitask, multimedia
non-	not or without	nonsense, nonstop, nonfiction
over-	too much	overcook, overload, overheat
pre-	before	preview, preschool, preheat
re-	again	rewrite, redo, replay
semi-	half or partly	semicircle, semiannual, semifinal
sub-	under or below	submarine, subway, subzero
super-	above or beyond	superhero, supervisor, superhuman
trans-	across or through	transport, transmit, translate
tri-	three	triangle, tricycle, tripod
un-	not	unhappy, undo, unequal
uni-	one	unicycle, uniform, unicorn

