

## Prefix Definitions List

Prefix	Meaning	Example Words
a-	not, without	apathy
ab-	away, from	abnormal, abduct
abs-	away, from	abstain
ad-	to, toward	adjacent, adhere
ambi-	both, around	ambidextrous, ambivalent
an-	not, without	anonymous
ante-	before	antecedent
anti-	against	antisocial
auto-	self	autobiography, automatic
bi-	two, twice	biannual
circum-	around	circumference
co-	with, together	cooperate
col-	with, together	collective
com-	with, together	community
con-	with, together	connect, confide, collaborate
contra-	against	contradict
de-	down, away, from, opposite	descend
dem-	people, citizens	democracy
di-	two, double	dichotomy,
dia-	through, across	diameter, dialysis
dis-	not, apart, away	discomfort, disperse
dys-	badly, ill	dysfunction
e-	out of, from	emit, edict
em-	in, into	embrace
en-	in, into, do or make	enable, envision
epi-	on, above, around	epicenter, epidemic
eu-	well, good	euphoric
ex-	out of, from	exhale, extract
extra-	beyond	extraordinary
extro-	outside, outward	extrovert, extrospection
for-	away, off, wrongly	forbid, forbear
fore-	before, front	forewarn
hetero-	different	heterogeneous
homo-	same	homogeneous
hydro-	water	hydrofoil
hyper-	over, excessive	hyperactive
hypo-	under, less	hypodermic
il-	not, into	illegal, illegible
im-	not, into	imperfect, impossible, implant

*dece = good*

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in-	not, into	invisible, inject
inter-	between, among	intervene, interstate
intra-	within	intrastate, intramural
intro-	within, inside	introvert, introduce
ir-	not	irregular, irrational
mal-	bad, evil	malnutrition
male-	bad, evil	malefactor
micro-	small	microscope
mis-	bad, wrong	misbehave, misfortune
mono-	one, single	monologue
multi-	many	multistory, multiracial
non-	not, the opposite of	nonintervention
neuro-	nerve	neurology
ob-	against	object, obstruct
over-	beyond, more	overexert, overslept
pan-	all, every	panorama
para-	beyond, beside	paranormal, paramedic
per-	throughout, completely	persuade, perfect, perforate
peri-	around	perimeter
phot-, photo-	light	photograph, photosynthesis
post-	after	postpone
pre-	before	precede, predict
pro-	for, forward	promote, project
pseudo-	false	pseudonym
re-	again, back	revise, retract, recede, remake
retro-	back	retroactive
semi-	half	semicircle, semiannual
socio-	society, social	sociology, sociopath
sub-	under	submarine
sur-	over, above	surpass
super-	over, above	superscript, superimpose
syl-	with, together	syllable
sym-	with, together	symphony
syn-	with, together	synthesis
tele-	distant, distance	telephone, television
trans-	across, over, beyond	transport, transmit, transcend
tri-	three	triad, triangle
ultra-	beyond	ultraviolet
un-	not	unwilling
up-	up	upgrade

## Roots Definitions List

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act	do, to act	transact, actor
alter	other	alternate
anni, annu, enni	year	anniversary, annual, centennial
anthrop	human, man	anthropology
aqua, aque	water	aquatic, aquarium
aster, astro	star	asterisk, astronaut
aud	hear	audible, auditorium
bell, belli	war	belligerent, antebellum, rebellion
bene	good/well	beneficial
biblio	book	bibliography
bio	life	biography, biology, antibiotic
breve	short	abbreviate, brief
cap, capt	take, to seize	capture, capacity
ced, ceed, cess	yield, go	precede, proceed, concession
chron	time	chronological, chronic
claus, clos, clud, clus	to close, shut	claustrophobic, closet, conclude, exclusive
cogn, gnos	to know	recognize, diagnosis
cracy, crat	rule or strength	democracy, bureaucrat
cre, cred	believe, trust	incredible, credibility, miscreant
dem	people	democracy, epidemic
dic, dict	speak, say	dictate, predict, dedicate
duc, duct	lead	deduce, conduct
dur, dura	hard, lasting	durable, endure
equ, equi	equal	equate, equity,
fac, fact, fit	make, do	faculty, manufacture
fid, fide	faith, trust	confident, infidelity
flect, flex	bend	reflection, flexible
flu, fluc	flowing	fluently, fluctuate
forc, fort	strong	force, fortify
frag, fract	break	fracture, fragment
frater	brother	fraternal, fraternity
gam	marrjage	monogamy, polygamy
gen	family, race, birth	generation, genetic
geo	earth	geology, geography
gram, graph	write, record	telegram, biography
grad, gress	step	gradual, graduate, progression

### Roots Definitions List (continued)

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hydr, hydra, hydro	water	hydraulic, dehydrate, hydrogen
ject	throw	reject, projection
jud, judi, judic	judge	judicial
jur,	to swear	jury, justify
labor	work, exertion, toil	collaborate, laboratory, laborious
lect	choose, perceive	lecturer, election
leg	law	legislature, legal
liter	letters	illiterate, literal, alliteration
loc, locat	place	locomotion, locate
locu, loqu	speak	locution, soliloquy
log	word	dialogue, apology
luc, lum, lun	light	lucid, luminous, lunar
magn, maj	great, large	magnify, major, majesty
man, mani, manu	hand	manacle, manicure, manual
mand, mend	order	command, mandate, commendable
mar, mari, mer	sea	marine, maritime, mermaid
mater, matri	mother	maternal, matriarch
med, medi	half, middle, halfway	mediate, mediocre, medium
mem	remember	memorable, commemorate
meter, metri	measure	thermometer, odometer, metric
micro	small, little	microscope
min	small, little	minority, minute
miss, mit, mitt	send	submission, permit, intermittent
mob, mot	move	mobile, promote, motion
mon	warn	premonition
mor, mort	death	mortal
multi	many	multicultural, multiply, multiple
nat	born	native
nov	new	novel, renovate, innovation
nym, onym	word, name	synonym, pseudonym
pater, patr	father	paternal, patriot
path, pathy	feeling, suffering	pathos, sympathy, apathy
ped, pod	foot	pedal, podiatrist
pel, puls	push, drive, urge	compel, propel, repulsive, impulse
pend, pens	hang, weigh	pendant, suspend
phil	love	philanthropy, Philadelphia

### Roots Definitions List (continued)

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phobia	fear	claustrophobia
pon, pos	place, put	opponent, impose
phon	sound	symphony, microphone, phonic
pop	people	population, popular
port	carry	portable, transport, import
psych, psycho	soul, spirit, mind	psychology, psychic
que, qui	ask, seek	request, question, inquire
rupt	break	erupt, rupture
scend, scent	climb, leap	ascend, ascent
sci	know	scientific, conscious
scop, scope	see, watch, look at	microscope, telescope
scrib, script	mark	scribble, inscription
sec, sect	cut	dissect, section
secu, sequ	follow	consecutive, sequence
sed, sess, sid	to sit, settle	sediment, obsession, preside
sens, sent	feel, be aware	sensible, dissent
sign	to mark, seal	signature, design
simil, simul	same	simulate, simile, assimilate
solv, solu	loosen	solvent, resolution, absolutely
spec, spect	look	spectator, prospect
spir	breathe	inspire, conspire
spond, spons	to pledge	correspondence, sponsor
struct	build	construct, structure, destruction
tact, tang, tag	touch	contact, intangible
tempo	time	temporary, contemporary
terr	earth, land	territory
therm	heat	thermometer, hypothermia
tort, tors	twist	torsion, torture
tract	pull, draw, drag	extract, attractive, tractor
vac	empty	vacuum, vacant
ven, vene, vent	come, go	intervene
ver, veri	truth	verify
vert, vers	turn	irreversible, versatile
vid, vis	see	visual, evidence
vit, viv	to live, alive	vitamin, revive, vivacious, vital
voc, vok	voice, call	vocal, advocate, evoke
vol	to will	volition, volunteer
volv, volu	to roll	revolve, involve, evolution

## Suffix Definitions List

Suffix	Meaning	Example Words
-able	can do, can be done	loveable, obtainable
-age	act of, group of	wreckage, baggage
-al	relating to	manual, natural
-an	having to do with	European
-ana	information having to do with the subject	Americana
-ance	act of	assistance, defiance
-ancy	act of	vacancy
-ant	one who	assistant
-arium	place of	aquarium
-ar	one who, that which	polar, linear
-ary	of, relating to	boundary
-ate	cause, make	separate, advocate
-cle, -cule	small	particle, molecule
-cy	state of being	prophecy, bankruptcy
-dom	quality, state, position	freedom, wisdom
-en**	cause to be or have, made of	heighten, wooden
-ed*	past tense	painted, pleaded
-ence	state of being, quality	confidence
-ency	action, quality, state of being	urgency
-ent	one who	president
-eous	full of, having qualities of	igneous, nauseous
-er**	more, a person or thing performing an act	smarter, reporter
-ery	character, state or condition	snobbery, slavery
-es*	plural (more than one)	glasses
-ese	of or having to do with	Chinese
-ess	female	heiress
-ence	action, quality, state of	confidence
-est*	most	warmest, smartest
-ful	full of	playful; beautiful
-fy	make, cause to be	electrify, horrify
-hood	state of being	childhood
-ia	names of diseases, plants, countries; relating to; derived from	bulimia, Tasmania, insignia
-ial	relating to	facial, commercial
-ian	resembling, belonging to	comedian, amphibian
-ible	able, can do, can be done	visible, responsible
-ic	nature of, like	heroic, poetic
-ice	condition, state, quality	justice, malice
-ify	to make	magnify

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-il, -ile	quality, state, suited for, capable of	civil, utensil, juvenile
-ing**	belonging to, act of doing, present part.	shilling, cooking
-ion	act or process	solution, rebellion
-ious	full of, having qualities of	gracious, vivacious
-ish	having characteristics of	squeamish, greenish
-ism	the belief in	socialism
-ist	one who, that which	terrorist, pacifist
-itis	inflammation of	appendicitis
-ity	state of, quality	celebrity, clarity, abnormality
-ium	chemical element or group	calcium, magnesium
-ive	causing, making	abusive, exhaustive
-ize	make	emphasize, idolize
-less	without	hopeless, heartless
-log	word	apology
-logy	study of	biology, geology,
-ly	like, resembling	heavenly
-ment	act of, result	amendment
-ness	state, condition	happiness
-ory	a place of	observatory
-ology	study of	psychology, anthropology
-or	one who, that which	doctor, surveyor
-ous	full of, having qualities of	gracious, nervous
-s*	more than one, present tense	gardens, cameras, he runs
-'s*	singular possessive	boy's, dog's
-s**	plural possessive	boys', dogs'
-ship	state, condition of	friendship
-sion	act, result, state of	immersion
-sis	act, state, condition of	analysis
-tion	act, result, state of	preservation, cancellation
-ty	state of, quality	bounty
-tude	state of, condition	gratitude, aptitude
-ular	relating to	cellular
-ule	small	globule
-ure	state of, act, process	culture, literature, torture
-y	like, characterized by	sleepy, stringy,

\*These are inflectional suffixes

\*\* These are both inflectional and derivational suffixes

