

APPENDIX A

COMMON LATIN (L), GREEK (G) and ENGLISH (E) PREFIXES

Prefix	Origin	Meaning (prefix)	Example	Root	Meaning (root)	Example words used in sentences
AB-	(L)	(a way from)	ab normal	normal		It is considered abnormal for a person to have six fingers on hand.
A (D,T,R,S)-	(L)	(to, toward)	ad mit	mittere+2	(to send)	Her eldest son was admitted to college this year.
ANTI-	(G)	(against)	anti freeze	freeze		It's going to be 5 below 0 tonight. Do you have antifreeze in the engine of your car?
BENE	(L)	(Well)	benefit	factum+	(done)	Did the students benefit much from these drills?
BI-	(L)	(two)	bicycle	kyklos+	(circle, wheel)	The little boy likes to ride on his bicycle .
BY-	(E)	(near, different from the usual)	by -product	product		Naphtha is one of the by-products of petroleum.
CIRCUM-	(L)	(around)	circum navigation	navigare+	(directing the ship, navigation)	What kinds of ships are used in circumnavigation of the earth?

(1) Some of these prefixes occur in loan words from Latin; they are also used in the formation of compound words, where the second element is of any origin, including English.

(2) Words listed with a cross (+) are Greek or Latin roots.

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CO-, COM-COL-,CON-CONTRA-	(L)	(together)	compose	posere+	(to place)	Water is composed of hydrogen and oxygen.
	(L)	(against)	contradict	dicere+	(to say)	Those two reports, given by the same person, contradict each other.
DE-	(L)	(down from)	descend	scandere+	(to climb)	Simon's girl friend descended the stairs as soon as she heard the horn of his car.
A-	(L)	(up)	ascend	scandere+	(to climb)	The plane ascended to an altitude of 22,000 ft.
DIS-	(L)	(apart from, not)	disobey disconnect	obey connect		The little boy knew that he would get punished whenever he disobeyed his parents.
EX-	(L)	(out of)	exhale, explode	halere+ plalere+	(to breathe, to blow)	During the process of breathing, we inhale and then exhale air from our lungs.
IN-	(L)	(into)	inhale	halere+	(to breathe)	
IN-	(L)	(not)	inactive	active		This volcano is inactive most of the time.
INTER-	(L)	(between)	interrupt	rumpere+	(to break)	Don't interrupt me while I am speaking.
INTRA-	(L)	(within)	international intramuscular	national muscular		The doctor gave his patient an intramuscular injection.
MAL-	(L)	(bad)	maladjustment	adjustment		Ann still suffers maladjustment ; she couldn't adapt herself properly to her new environment.
MIS-	(E)	(wrong)	mislead	lead		Not knowing the circumstances, Sam was misled by his friends.

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MONO-	(G)	(one, alone)	monosyllabic	syllabic		Cat is a monosyllabic word.
MULTI-	(L)	(many)	multilingual	lingual		The firm is going to hire a multilingual translator.
NON-	(L)	(not)	multicolored	colored		My uncle prefers to be a member of a nonpolitical association.
OUT-	(E)	(outside of, beyond)	nonpolitical	political		We like to cook outdoors .
OVER-	(E)	(above, beyond)	outdoors, outdo	door, do		Don't forget to take your overcoat ; it's snowing outside.
POLY-	(G)	(many)	overcoat	coat	(technical art)	Robert attends a polytechnic university
POST-	(L)	(after, behind in time or position)	polytechnic, polysyllabic	techne+ syllabic	(to put, to place)	The final exam has been postponed because of an important meeting.
PRE-	(L)	(before in time or position)	postpone, postgraduate, postwar	ponere+ graduate war	(to make ready)	The students are advised to prepare their lessons every day.
PRO-	(L)	(forward, in favor of)	prepare, preheat	parare+ heat	(to go)	Ali is making fast progress in his studies.
RE-	(L)	(again)	pro-Arabic	gredi+		As a review, please reread today's story.
SEMI-	(L)	(half)	reread	read		Two equal semicircles make a circle.
			semicircle	circle		

Prefix	origin of the prefix	Meaning of the prefix	Words containing the prefix	Root	Example words used in sentences
SUB-	(L)	(under, below)	subnormal, submarine	normal marine	Submarines are the only warships that operate under the surface of the sea.
SUPER-	(L)	(above, over, beyond)	supersonic	sonic	Some airplanes are able to fly at supersonic speeds.
TRANS-	(L)	(across, over beyond, through)	transatlantic	Atlantic	Mr. Smith is planning to take a transatlantic voyage this summer.
TRI-	(L)	(three)	triangle	angle	The sum of the angles of a triangle is 180.
UNDER-	(E)	(below)	underline	line	You must underline the new words in this passage.
UNI-	(L)	(one)	uniform	form	Mrs. Turner's son wears his uniform when he goes to school.

USEFUL PAIRS OF PREFIXES INDICATING CONTRASTS

AB- / AD-

DE- / A-

BENE- / MAL-

PRE- / POST-

PRO- / CONTRA-(L), ANTI-(G)

EX- / IN-

MONO- / POLY-

UNI- / MULTI-

OUT- / IN-

OVER- / UNDER