**Prefix—suffix, and Etymology**

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| Ab  Abs | From  Away from  Off | **Ab**ject (away + throw)  **Ab**normal  Aborigines  To avert  To abduct  To abdicate  To abhor  To abstain, abstinence, abstemious  Abstract |
| Ac  Acr | Sharp, bitter | **Acr**id  Acrimony, acrimonious  Acute  Acerbic |
| Ambi  Ambo  amphi | Both | **Ambi**guous  \*Unambiguous = unequivocal = clear  Ambivalent  Ambidextrous |
| Amor | Love | Amorous  Enamoured of  Paramour |
| A  An | Without | Atom  Anarchy  Amoral  Atheist  Asocial  \*Apathy, apathetic  Abyss, abysmal  Asymmetry, asymmetrical |
| Al  Alt | To nourish,  To grow tall | Altitude  Alimony  Alimentary, alimentation |
| Anthrop | Human | **Anthrop**ology  Misanthrope, misanthropy  Philanthrope = philanthropist, philanthropy |
| Annus  Ennial | Year | Annals  Annual  Biannual, centennial, bicentennial  Perennial |
| Ante | Before | Antecedent = precedent  Antebellum  Antechamber  Anterior  **Ante**diluvian (deluge) |
| Anti | Against  Opposite | Antipathy  Antagonist  Antiseptic  Antithesis, antithetic, antipodal  Antaeus |
| Aqua | Water | Aquatic  Aquarium  Aqueduct |
| Arch Archae | Chief  First | Archetype  Archrival  Archaeology  Archaic, archaism |
| Astro | A star | Astronaut  Asterisk  Disaster, catastrophe  Astronomy (cf. astrology)  Astronomical  Asteroid |
| Aud | Hear | Audio, audience  Audit  Auditorium  Audiology  Audible books  Auricular, aural |
| Aut  Auto | Self | Automobile  Automatic  Automaton  Autocrat  Autonomy |
| Be | Over thoroughly | To befuddle  To beguile  To bemuse |
| Bellum | War | Antebellum  Bellicose  Belligerent |
| Bene | Well | Benison = benediction  Benevolence  Benefaction, benefactor, beneficiary  Benign, beni**g**nity  Benefit |
| Bi  Di | Two | Bicameral  Binary  Bicycle  Binocular |
| Capita | Head | Capital (a capital offense, capital punishment)  To capitulate  Decapitation |
| Cata | Down | Catastrophe = disaster  To catapult  Cataclysm = upheaval  Cataract  Cascade  Casualty |
| Circum | Around  Cut around | Circumspect (cautious, wary, chary)  To circumscribe = to limit  To circumnavigate  Circumference (perimeter)  Circumcision  To circumvent (to outsmart, to evade)  Circumstance |
| Com  Co  Col  Con  Cor | With  Together | Collateral, unilateral, bilateral  To corroborate = to substantiate  To collaborate  Constellation  Conflagration  Confluence = junction, convergence  Conglomerate, conglomeration  Consort, his loyal consort, her loyal consort  Conjugal = connubial  Concord = accord (<-> discord)  Concurring, concentric  Conformist, conformity  Convergence  Convivial  Convoluted  Congenial, congeniality  Congenital |
| Commute | Com + mutare | Commutation, permutation, transmutation  An easy commute; to commute to a city  To commute base metal into gold  To commute death sentence to life imprisonment |
| Contra  Counter | Against | To contravene = to violate  To countermand = to cancel  To contradict  Counterproductive  Counterintuitive |
| Corpus | Body | To incorporate  Corporate  Corporeal = bodily, corporal |
| Credo  Credo | Trust  Believe | Credible  Credential  Incredible  Incredulous, credulity  Credit; to credit |
| Culpa | Guilt  Fault  “mea culpa” | Culpable  Culprit  To exculpate (to clear of guilt), exculpatory  To ex**oner**ate (onus = burden) |
| De | Down  Away | Decay (decadence)  Degeneracy (depravity)  Decant, decanter  To demote <-> to promote  To demoralize  To depose  Deposition (1. Deposit; 2. Removal or ousting; 3. a sworn statement) |
| Decem | Ten | Decimal  Digit  December = tenth month (October = eighth month)  To decimate, decimation  Decade  Decameron |
| Demi | Partly  Half | Demigod  Demi-glaze |
| Di | Two | Dichotomy  Dilemma  Dyad, duo |
| Dia | Across  Through | Diagonal  Diagram  Diametric = antithetic = antipodal |
| Dict Dictum | Word | Diction, dictionary  Edict  To dictate, dictator  To abdicate  To indicate  To indict, indictment  To contradict |
| Dis  Dys | Not, apart  Bad | Discord <-> concord, accord  Disparity, discrepancy  Displaced  Disaffected = rebellious  Disaster  Disease  Dystopia, Dyslexia, Dyspepsia |
| Ducere | To lead | To induce, inductive, induction  To deduce, deductive, deduction  To introduce  To produce  To conduce, conducive to (leading to, contributory)  To traduce (to drag through mud) |
| E, ex | Out | To extirpate = to uproot  To extricate = to liberate  To expel, to evict  To excise  To exclude  Expatriate = expat |
| -ectomy | Surgical removal | Atom  Appendectomy  Hysterectomy  Vasectomy  Dichotomy |
| Eu | Good | Euphemism  Euphoria  Euphony  Euthanasia  Utopia |
| Extra  Extro | Beyond  Outside | Extraterrestrial  Extrovert  Extraordinary |
| Furor | Madness | Fury, to infuriate |
| Genus | Race  Kind  Family | Genetic, genetics, geneticist  Genealogy  Generic, general  Eugenics, genocide  Progenitor and progeny  Miscegenation  To engender |
| Graph  Gram | Image | Photograph  Pictograph  Autograph  Monograph  Calligraphy  Cartography, cartographer  Geographer, geography  Hologram |
| Gratis | Pleasing | To gratify  Gratuity = tip  To ingratiate, ingratiating  Grateful, ungrateful, gratitude |
| Hap | Fortune  Luck | Happiness  Haphazard: (n) mere chance; (adj) random; slipshod; careless  Hapless (unlucky, unfortunate)  Happenstance, happenchance = coincidence, a chance occurrence |
| Hyper | Above  Excessive | Hyperbole  To hyperventilate  Hyperactive  Hypertrophy <-> atrophy |
| Hypo | Beneath Lower | Hypoglycemia  Hypodermic |
| In, il, im, ir | In, on, upon | To irradiate  To illustrate, illuminate |
| In, il, im, ir | not | Inarticulate  Illegible  Illegitimate  Illicit |
| Integer | Whole | Integral, integrity  To integrate |
| Inter | Between  Among | To intervene in  Interjection  Interracial |
| Intra, intro | within | Intramural  Introvert  Introspect |
| Logos | -logy | Biology, psychology, anthropology, archeology, zoology, logical |
| Macro | Large  Long | Macrobiotic  Macrocosm |
| Magna | Large  Great | Magnanimous  Magnificent  Magna cum laude  Magnate (= potentate) |
| Male, Malus | Bad | Malediction  Malevolence, malevolent  Maleficence  Malice, malicious  Malign, mali**gn**ity, malignancy  Malaria  Malfunction  Maladroit  Malcontent (= discontented)  Malnourished |
| Manus | Hand | Manual  Manuscript  Manicure |
| Mega | Great  Million | Megalomania  Megaton |
| Meta | Beyond | Metamorphosis  Metaphor |
| Mis | Bad  Improper | Mistake  Misdemeanor  Misnomer  Miscreant |
| Mis | hatred | Misanthrope  Misogyny, misogynist = sexist |
| Mis | Mix | Miscegenation  Miscellaneous |
| Mono | One | Monarchy  Monogamy  Monotheism  Monosyllable  Monochrome |
| Multi | Many | Multifarious  Multitudinous  To multiply |
| Mutare  Mutate | Change | Mutation, mutant  Mutability, immutable, immutability |
| Neo | New | Neophyte  Neologism |
| Nomen | Name | Misnomer  Nomenclature  Ignominy, ignominious |
| Non | Not | Noncommittal  Nonentity  Nondescript |
| Ob, oc, of, op | Against | Obloquy  To obtrude, obtrusive  To occlude  Opposite, opponent  Obstacle  Obverse |
| Olig | Few | Oligarchy |
| Pan | All  Every | Panacea = cure all, snake oil  Panorama  Pantheism  Pancreas |
| Para | Beyond Related | Parallel  Paradox  Paradigm  To paraphrase  Parable  Parabola |
| Pathos  Path  Pathy | Suffering | Homeopathy  Neuropathy  Psychopathy, psychopath  Sociopath  Pathogen |
| Pathos  Path  Pathy | Feeling | Sympathy  Empathy, empathetic  Antipathy  Telepathy  Pathetic  Apathy |
| Ped | Foot | Centipede  Podiatrist, podiatry, pedicure  To impede, pedal  Pedestrian |
| Per | Through | To permeate, permeable  Permanent  To pervade, pervasive, pervasion, impervious  To permute, permutation |
| Peri | Around  Near | Perimeter  Periphery, peripheral  Periscope  Peripatetic |
| Poly | Many | Polygamist  Polyglot |
| Port | To carry | To import, to export  To transport, transportation  Portable |
| Poser | To put | To depose = to dethrone, to remove from office  To depose = to give testimony by affidavit |
| Post | After | Posthumous  Posterior to, posterity  Pre**post**erous |
| Pre | Before | Preamble, prelude, prologue = overture  Premonition, presentiment, prescience |
| Prehend | Grasp, seize | To apprehend, apprehensive, apprehension  To comprehend, comprehensive, comprehension  Prehensile |
| Prim | First | Primordial, primeval, primal, primitive  Primogeniture  Prima donna |
| Pro | Forward  In favor of | Propulsive  Proponent  Protruding  To promote  Proclivity, propensity |
| Proto | First | Prototype  Protofeminist |
| Pseudo | False | Pseudonym  Pseudo-scientific  Pseudo-religion |
| Rapt | Carried away | Rapt, enrapt, enraptured  Rapture, rapturous |
| Re | Again  Back | To reiterate  To reminisce about  To reimburse  To recollect, to recount  Retribution  The Renaissance  The Reformation  Rehabilitation  Reclamation  Reincarnation  Regurgitation |
| Retro | Backward | Retrospect  Retroactive  Retrofit |
| Rex  Regis | King | Regnum, the Interregnum  Regent, regina  Regal  Regicide  Regime, regimen, regiment |
| Rupt | Break  Tear | To erupt  To interrupt  To disrupt  Rupture  Bankrupt |
| Sanctum | Sacred | Sanctimonious (negative connotation)  Sanctuary  Sacrosanct  To sanctify  To consecrate |
| Sagax  Sagacis | Keen  Shrewd | Sage, sagacious, sagacity  Sagacious = perspicacious |
| Scope | See | Telescope  Stethoscope  Microscope  Periscope |
| Scribe | Write | To inscribe  To transcribe  To describe, nondescript  Script, manuscript  Postscript  To prescribe  To proscribe |
| Se | Away  Aside | To secede, secession  To seclude  To segregate, to separate  Desegregation |
| Semi | Half  Partly | Semiconscious  Semiannual |
| Sub,  Sus,  Sup | Under  less | To subjugate  To suppress  To subvert, subversive  To subsidize  Subservient = servile |
| Super  Sur | Over  Above | Superlative  Superfluous  To surmount  Surreal |
| Syn  Sym | With  Together | Syllogism  To synthesize  Symbiosis  Syndicated |
| Tele | Far | Telemetry  Telegraphic, telegram  Telescope  Telepathy  Television |
| Terra | Land  Country | The Mediterranean  Extraterrestrial  Territorial, territory |
| Trans | Across | To transport  To transpose  Trans-Atlantic, trans-Pacific  Transgression  Transvestitism |
| Trude | To thrust | To protrude  To obtrude, obtrusive  To intrude |
| Ultra | Beyond  Excessive | Ultramodern  Ultracritical |
| Umbra | Shadow  shade | Umbrella  Penumbra  To adumbrate (= to foreshadow), adumbration  Umbrage |
| Un | Not | Unfeigned  Unfazed, unruffled, unperturbed  Unkempt  Unabashed  Unambiguous, unequivocal |
| Under | Below | To underscore  To undermine |
| Uni | One | Unison  Union  Universe  Unilateral |
| Vade | To go | To pervade  To invade |
| Vale  Valete | Strong  Well as in farewell | Valediction  Valedictory  Valedictorian |
| Ventus | Wind | Vent  Ventilation  Ventriloquy, ventriloquist, ventriloquist’s dummy |
| Verbum | Word | Verb, adverb, proverb  Verbal, to verbalize  Verbiage  Verbose  Verbatim |
| Veritas | Truth | To verify, verity, veracity, verifiable |
| Vice | In place of | Vicarious  Viceroy  Vice president |
| Voc | To call | To advocate, advocate, advocacy  To convoke, convocation  To evoke, evocation, evocative of  To invoke, invocation  To provoke, provocation, provocateur  To revoke, revocation  Vocal, to vocalize, vocabulary  Vocation, vocational |
| Vorax | Devour | Voracious = gluttonous, voracity  Carnivore  Herbivore  Omnivore |
| With | Away  Against | To withhold  To withstand  To withdraw, withdrawal |