**Prefix—suffix, and Etymology**

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| AbAbs  | FromAway fromOff | **Ab**ject (away + throw)**Ab**normalAboriginesTo avert To abductTo abdicate To abhorTo abstain, abstinence, abstemious Abstract  |
| AcAcr  | Sharp, bitter | **Acr**idAcrimony, acrimonious AcuteAcerbic  |
| AmbiAmboamphi | Both  | **Ambi**guous\*Unambiguous = unequivocal = clearAmbivalentAmbidextrous |
| Amor | Love | AmorousEnamoured ofParamour |
| AAn | Without  | Atom AnarchyAmoral AtheistAsocial\*Apathy, apatheticAbyss, abysmal Asymmetry, asymmetrical  |
| AlAlt  | To nourish,To grow tall  | Altitude AlimonyAlimentary, alimentation  |
| Anthrop |  Human | **Anthrop**ologyMisanthrope, misanthropy Philanthrope = philanthropist, philanthropy  |
| Annus Ennial  | Year  | Annals AnnualBiannual, centennial, bicentennial Perennial  |
| Ante  | Before  | Antecedent = precedent AntebellumAntechamberAnterior**Ante**diluvian (deluge)  |
| Anti  | AgainstOpposite  | Antipathy AntagonistAntiseptic Antithesis, antithetic, antipodal Antaeus  |
| Aqua  | Water  | AquaticAquariumAqueduct  |
| Arch Archae | ChiefFirst | ArchetypeArchrival ArchaeologyArchaic, archaism  |
| Astro  | A star | AstronautAsteriskDisaster, catastropheAstronomy (cf. astrology)AstronomicalAsteroid  |
| Aud  | Hear | Audio, audienceAuditAuditorium AudiologyAudible booksAuricular, aural  |
| AutAuto  | Self | AutomobileAutomaticAutomaton Autocrat Autonomy  |
| Be | Over thoroughly | To befuddleTo beguileTo bemuse  |
| Bellum | War  | AntebellumBellicoseBelligerent |
| Bene | Well  | Benison = benedictionBenevolenceBenefaction, benefactor, beneficiaryBenign, beni**g**nityBenefit |
| BiDi  | Two  | BicameralBinary BicycleBinocular  |
| Capita  | Head | Capital (a capital offense, capital punishment)To capitulate Decapitation |
| Cata  | Down  | Catastrophe = disaster To catapultCataclysm = upheaval CataractCascade Casualty  |
| Circum  | AroundCut around | Circumspect (cautious, wary, chary)To circumscribe = to limit To circumnavigateCircumference (perimeter) Circumcision To circumvent (to outsmart, to evade)Circumstance |
| ComCoColConCor | WithTogether  | Collateral, unilateral, bilateral To corroborate = to substantiate To collaborateConstellationConflagration Confluence = junction, convergence Conglomerate, conglomerationConsort, his loyal consort, her loyal consort Conjugal = connubial Concord = accord (<-> discord) Concurring, concentric Conformist, conformityConvergenceConvivial ConvolutedCongenial, congeniality Congenital  |
| Commute  | Com + mutare | Commutation, permutation, transmutation An easy commute; to commute to a cityTo commute base metal into goldTo commute death sentence to life imprisonment |
| ContraCounter  | Against  | To contravene = to violate To countermand = to cancel To contradictCounterproductiveCounterintuitive  |
| Corpus  | Body | To incorporateCorporateCorporeal = bodily, corporal |
| Credo Credo  | TrustBelieve  | CredibleCredentialIncredibleIncredulous, credulity Credit; to credit  |
| Culpa  | GuiltFault “mea culpa” | CulpableCulpritTo exculpate (to clear of guilt), exculpatoryTo ex**oner**ate (onus = burden) |
| De  | DownAway | Decay (decadence)Degeneracy (depravity)Decant, decanterTo demote <-> to promote To demoralizeTo deposeDeposition (1. Deposit; 2. Removal or ousting; 3. a sworn statement)  |
| Decem | Ten  | DecimalDigit December = tenth month (October = eighth month)To decimate, decimationDecadeDecameron |
| Demi  | PartlyHalf  | DemigodDemi-glaze  |
| Di  | Two  | Dichotomy Dilemma Dyad, duo |
| Dia  | AcrossThrough  | DiagonalDiagramDiametric = antithetic = antipodal  |
| Dict Dictum  | Word | Diction, dictionaryEdictTo dictate, dictatorTo abdicateTo indicateTo indict, indictmentTo contradict  |
| DisDys  | Not, apartBad  | Discord <-> concord, accord Disparity, discrepancyDisplacedDisaffected = rebellious Disaster Disease Dystopia, Dyslexia, Dyspepsia  |
| Ducere  | To lead | To induce, inductive, inductionTo deduce, deductive, deductionTo introduceTo produce To conduce, conducive to (leading to, contributory) To traduce (to drag through mud) |
| E, ex  | Out | To extirpate = to uprootTo extricate = to liberate To expel, to evictTo exciseTo excludeExpatriate = expat  |
| -ectomy  | Surgical removal | AtomAppendectomyHysterectomyVasectomy Dichotomy |
| Eu | Good  | EuphemismEuphoriaEuphonyEuthanasiaUtopia |
| ExtraExtro | BeyondOutside  | ExtraterrestrialExtrovertExtraordinary  |
| Furor  | Madness  | Fury, to infuriate  |
| Genus  | RaceKindFamily | Genetic, genetics, geneticistGenealogyGeneric, generalEugenics, genocideProgenitor and progeny Miscegenation To engender |
| Graph Gram  | Image  | PhotographPictograph AutographMonograph CalligraphyCartography, cartographer Geographer, geography Hologram |
| Gratis  | Pleasing  | To gratifyGratuity = tipTo ingratiate, ingratiatingGrateful, ungrateful, gratitude |
| Hap  | FortuneLuck | HappinessHaphazard: (n) mere chance; (adj) random; slipshod; carelessHapless (unlucky, unfortunate)Happenstance, happenchance = coincidence, a chance occurrence |
| Hyper  | AboveExcessive | HyperboleTo hyperventilateHyperactiveHypertrophy <-> atrophy  |
| Hypo | Beneath Lower | HypoglycemiaHypodermic  |
| In, il, im, ir | In, on, upon | To irradiateTo illustrate, illuminate  |
| In, il, im, ir | not | InarticulateIllegibleIllegitimateIllicit  |
| Integer  | Whole  | Integral, integrity To integrate |
| Inter | BetweenAmong | To intervene in InterjectionInterracial |
| Intra, intro | within | IntramuralIntrovertIntrospect  |
| Logos  | -logy | Biology, psychology, anthropology, archeology, zoology, logical  |
| Macro  | LargeLong | MacrobioticMacrocosm  |
| Magna  | LargeGreat | MagnanimousMagnificentMagna cum laudeMagnate (= potentate) |
| Male, Malus  | Bad  | MaledictionMalevolence, malevolentMaleficenceMalice, malicious Malign, mali**gn**ity, malignancyMalariaMalfunctionMaladroitMalcontent (= discontented)Malnourished  |
| Manus  | Hand  | ManualManuscriptManicure |
| Mega  | GreatMillion  | MegalomaniaMegaton  |
| Meta  | Beyond  | MetamorphosisMetaphor  |
| Mis  | BadImproper  | Mistake MisdemeanorMisnomerMiscreant  |
| Mis  | hatred | MisanthropeMisogyny, misogynist = sexist  |
| Mis  | Mix  | MiscegenationMiscellaneous  |
| Mono  | One  | MonarchyMonogamyMonotheismMonosyllableMonochrome  |
| Multi  | Many  | MultifariousMultitudinousTo multiply  |
| MutareMutate  | Change  | Mutation, mutantMutability, immutable, immutability  |
| Neo  | New  | Neophyte Neologism  |
| Nomen  | Name  | MisnomerNomenclatureIgnominy, ignominious  |
| Non  | Not  | NoncommittalNonentityNondescript  |
| Ob, oc, of, op | Against  | ObloquyTo obtrude, obtrusiveTo occlude Opposite, opponent ObstacleObverse |
| Olig  | Few  | Oligarchy  |
| Pan  | AllEvery | Panacea = cure all, snake oil Panorama Pantheism Pancreas  |
| Para  | Beyond Related  | ParallelParadoxParadigmTo paraphraseParableParabola  |
| PathosPathPathy  | Suffering  | HomeopathyNeuropathyPsychopathy, psychopathSociopathPathogen  |
| Pathos PathPathy  | Feeling  | SympathyEmpathy, empatheticAntipathyTelepathyPathetic Apathy  |
| Ped  | Foot  | CentipedePodiatrist, podiatry, pedicureTo impede, pedal Pedestrian  |
| Per  | Through  | To permeate, permeablePermanent To pervade, pervasive, pervasion, impervious To permute, permutation  |
| Peri  | AroundNear  | PerimeterPeriphery, peripheralPeriscopePeripatetic  |
| Poly  | Many  | PolygamistPolyglot |
| Port  | To carry  | To import, to exportTo transport, transportationPortable  |
| Poser  | To put  | To depose = to dethrone, to remove from officeTo depose = to give testimony by affidavit |
| Post  | After  | PosthumousPosterior 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 PrimogeniturePrima donna  |
| Pro  | ForwardIn favor of | PropulsiveProponentProtruding To promote Proclivity, propensity |
| Proto  | First  | PrototypeProtofeminist |
| Pseudo  | False  | PseudonymPseudo-scientificPseudo-religion |
| Rapt  | Carried away | Rapt, enrapt, enrapturedRapture, rapturous  |
| Re  | AgainBack  | To reiterateTo reminisce aboutTo reimburseTo recollect, to recountRetribution The RenaissanceThe ReformationRehabilitationReclamation ReincarnationRegurgitation  |
| Retro  | Backward  | RetrospectRetroactiveRetrofit |
| RexRegis | King  | Regnum, the InterregnumRegent, reginaRegalRegicideRegime, regimen, regiment  |
| Rupt  | Break Tear  | To eruptTo interruptTo disrupt RuptureBankrupt  |
| Sanctum  | Sacred  | Sanctimonious (negative connotation)SanctuarySacrosanct To sanctifyTo consecrate  |
| SagaxSagacis  | Keen Shrewd  | Sage, sagacious, sagacitySagacious = perspicacious  |
| Scope  | See  | TelescopeStethoscopeMicroscopePeriscope  |
| Scribe  | Write  | To inscribeTo transcribeTo describe, nondescript Script, manuscriptPostscript To prescribeTo proscribe  |
| Se  | AwayAside  | To secede, secessionTo secludeTo segregate, to separate Desegregation |
| Semi  | HalfPartly  | SemiconsciousSemiannual  |
| Sub, Sus,Sup | Underless | To subjugateTo suppressTo subvert, subversive To subsidizeSubservient = servile  |
| Super Sur  | OverAbove  | SuperlativeSuperfluousTo surmountSurreal  |
| SynSym | WithTogether  | SyllogismTo synthesizeSymbiosisSyndicated |
| Tele  | Far  | TelemetryTelegraphic, telegram TelescopeTelepathyTelevision  |
| Terra  | LandCountry  | The MediterraneanExtraterrestrialTerritorial, territory  |
| Trans  | Across  | To transportTo transposeTrans-Atlantic, trans-Pacific TransgressionTransvestitism  |
| Trude  | To thrust  | To protrudeTo obtrude, obtrusive To intrude  |
| Ultra  | BeyondExcessive  | UltramodernUltracritical |
| Umbra  | Shadowshade | UmbrellaPenumbraTo adumbrate (= to foreshadow), adumbration Umbrage  |
| Un  | Not  | UnfeignedUnfazed, unruffled, unperturbedUnkemptUnabashedUnambiguous, unequivocal  |
| Under  | Below  | To underscoreTo undermine |
| Uni  | One  | UnisonUnionUniverse Unilateral  |
| Vade  | To go  | To pervadeTo invade |
| ValeValete  | StrongWell as in farewell  | ValedictionValedictoryValedictorian |
| Ventus  | Wind  | VentVentilation Ventriloquy, ventriloquist, ventriloquist’s dummy |
| Verbum  | Word  | Verb, adverb, proverb Verbal, to verbalizeVerbiageVerboseVerbatim |
| Veritas  | Truth  | To verify, verity, veracity, verifiable  |
| Vice  | In place of | VicariousViceroyVice president  |
| Voc  | To call  | To advocate, advocate, advocacy To convoke, convocationTo evoke, evocation, evocative ofTo invoke, invocationTo provoke, provocation, provocateur To revoke, revocationVocal, to vocalize, vocabularyVocation, vocational  |
| Vorax | Devour  | Voracious = gluttonous, voracity CarnivoreHerbivoreOmnivore  |
| With  | AwayAgainst  | To withholdTo withstand To withdraw, withdrawal  |