

List of Common Prefixes and their Meanings

a or an	on, not or without
ab-	away from
ad-	to or towards
ambi-	both
ana-	up, back and again
anti-	against
apo-	from or away from
auto-	self
bene-	good
cata-, cat-	down or against
centro-, centri-	center or around
circum-	around
com-	with, together
con-	with, together
contra-	against
de-	down or away
dia-, di-	through or across
dis-	apart or not
dys-	ill, difficult, bad
e-	out of, from
ecto-	on the outside
en-, em-	in
endo-	within or inside
epi-	upon
eso-	inward or within
eu-	well or good
ex-	out of or from

hetero-	other or different
homo-	same
hyper-	over
hypo-	under
il-	not
im-	not or into
in-	not or into
inter-	between
intra-	within
ir-	not
macro-	large
mal-, male-	bad or evil
meta-	beyond
micro-	small
mono-	one or single
neo-	new or recent
ob-	against
palin-, pali-	back or again
pan-	all or every
para-	false
per-	through
peri-	around
phil-, philo-	like or lover of
poly-	several
post-	after
pre-	before
pro-	for, forward
pros-	toward, in front
proto-	first

psuedo	false
re-	again
retro-	back or again
se-	away or from
sub-	under
sur-, super-	over or above
syn, sym, syl, sys	with or together
tele-	distant or far off
trans-	across