

Cambridge English Language - Prefixes, Roots, and Suffixes

Prefixes

a-, *an-* = not, without

ab- = away from

ad- = toward, addition

anim- = life, spirit

ante- = before

anti- = opposite

auc-, *aug-* = increase

aud-, *aur-* = hear

auto- = self

ben-, *bon-*, *eu-* = good

brev- = short

caco-, *dys-* = bad, abnormal

ceiv-, *cept-*, *capt-* = take

circum- = around

co-, *con-*, *col-*, *cor-* = with

contra-, *counter-* = against

de-, *ex-* = out of, away from

extra- = beyond, outside

hetero- = other

homo- = same

hyper- = above

hypo- = under

il-, *im-*, *in-*, *ir-*, *non-* = not

inter- = between

intra- = within

mal-, *mis-*, *ne-* = bad

peri- = around

poly- = many

post- = after

pre- = before

pro- = big, much

re-, *retro-* = back, again

se- = apart

sub-, *suc-*, *suf-* = below

super-, *sur-* = over, above

syn-, *sym-* = together, with

trans- = across, beyond

ultra-, *outr-* = beyond

vice- = in place of

Roots

ambu = walk, move

andro = man

anthro = human

bellu, belli = war, fight

carn = flesh

clam, claim = shout

clin = lean, bend

clud, clus, claus = close

cred = trust, belief

demo- = people

dog, dox = thought, idea

duc, duct = to lead, pull

ev = time, age

fac = to do, make

fiss = break, part

flict = strike

fort = strength

fract, frag, frai = break

gnos = knowledge

grad, gress = to go

greg = group, herd

gyn = woman

her, hes = to stick

jac, ject = to throw

loq, log, loc, lix = talk

luc, lum, lus = light, clear

meta, mut = change

morph = shape

narco = sleep

omni = all

oper = work

pac, plac = peace, calm

path = feeling

phon = sound

pug = war, fight

rupt = break

sanct = holy

scien = knowledge

senti = feeling

somn, sop = sleep

son = sound

soph = wise

spec = look

term = end, boundary

terr = earth

theo = God

ven = come

vid, vis = to see

voc, voke = call

vol = roll, turn

xen = stranger

Suffixes

-able, -ible = capable of

-ate, -ify, -efy, -ize, -ise = make

-cess, -cede = to go, yield

-cide = to kill

-cis = cut

-ette, -illo = little

-ist = a person

-logy, -ology = study

-ous = full of