

Roots A

Prefix	Meaning	Illustration
arch	chief, first	<i>archetype</i> original <i>archbishop</i> chief bishop <i>archeology</i> study of first or ancient times
be	over, thoroughly	<i>bedaub</i> smear over <i>befuddle</i> confuse thoroughly <i>beguile</i> deceive, harm thoroughly
bi	two	<i>bicameral</i> composed of two houses (Congress) <i>biennial</i> every two years <i>bicycle</i> two-wheeled vehicle
cata	down	<i>catastrophe</i> disaster <i>cataract</i> waterfall <i>catapult</i> hurl (throw down)
circum	around	<i>circumnavigate</i> sail around (the globe) <i>circumspect</i> cautious (looking around) <i>circumscribe</i> limit (place a circle around)
com, co, col, con, cor	with, together	<i>combine</i> merge with <i>commerce</i> trade with <i>communicate</i> correspond with <i>coeditor</i> joint editor <i>collateral</i> subordinate, connected <i>conference</i> meeting <i>corroborate</i> confirm
contra, contro	against	<i>contravene</i> conflict with <i>controversy</i> dispute

Roots B (*all tests are cumulative)

Prefix	Meaning	Illustration
de	down, away	<i>debase</i> lower in value <i>decadence</i> deterioration <i>decant</i> pour off
demi	partly, half	<i>demigod</i> partly divine being
di	two	<i>dichotomy</i> division in two parts <i>dilemma</i> choice between two bad alternatives
dia	across	<i>diagonal</i> across a figure <i>diameter</i> distance across a circle <i>diagram</i> outline drawing
dis, dif	not, apart	<i>discord</i> lack of harmony <i>differ</i> disagree (carry apart) <i>disparity</i> condition of inequality; difference
dys	faulty, bad	<i>dyslexia</i> faulty ability to read <i>dyspepsia</i> indigestion
ex, e	out	<i>expel</i> drive out <i>eject</i> throw out

Roots C (*all tests are cumulative)

Prefix	Meaning	Illustration
extra, extro	beyond, outside	<i>extracurricular</i> beyond the curriculum <i>extraterritorial</i> beyond a nation's bounds <i>extrovert</i> person interested chiefly in external objects and actions
hyper	above, excessively	<i>hyperbole</i> exaggeration <i>hyperventilate</i> breathe at an excessive rate
hypo	beneath, lower	<i>hypoglycemia</i> low blood sugar
in, il, im, ir	not	<i>inefficient</i> not efficient <i>inarticulate</i> not clear or distinct <i>illegible</i> not readable <i>impeccable</i> not capable of sinning; flawless <i>irrevocable</i> not able to be called back
in, il, im, ir	in, on, upon	<i>invite</i> call in <i>illustration</i> something that makes clear <i>impression</i> effect upon mind or feelings <i>irradiate</i> shine upon
inter	between, among	<i>intervene</i> come between <i>international</i> between nations <i>interjection</i> a statement thrown in
intra, intro	within	<i>intramural</i> within a school <i>introvert</i> person who turns within himself
macro	large, long	<i>macrobiotic</i> tending to prolong life <i>macrocosm</i> the great world (the entire universe)

Roots D (*all tests are cumulative)

Prefix	Meaning	Illustration
mega	great, million	<i>megalomania</i> delusions of grandeur <i>megaton</i> explosive force of a million tons of TNT
meta	involving change	<i>metamorphosis</i> change of form
micro	small	<i>microcosm</i> miniature universe <i>microbe</i> minute organism <i>microscopic</i> extremely small
mis	bad, improper	<i>misdeemeanor</i> minor crime; bad conduct <i>mischance</i> unfortunate accident <i>misnomer</i> wrong name
mis	hatred	<i>misanthrope</i> person who hates mankind <i>misogynist</i> woman-hater
mono	one	<i>monarchy</i> government by one ruler <i>monotheism</i> belief in one god
multi	many	<i>multifarious</i> having many parts <i>multitudinous</i> numerous
neo	new	<i>neologism</i> newly coined word <i>neophyte</i> beginner; novice

Roots E (*all tests are cumulative)

Prefix	Meaning	Illustration
non	not	<i>noncommittal</i> undecided <i>nonentity</i> person of no importance
ob, oc, of, op	against	<i>obloquy</i> infamy; disgrace <i>obtrude</i> push into, prominence <i>occlude</i> close; block out <i>offend</i> insult <i>opponent</i> someone who struggles against; foe
olig	few	<i>oligarchy</i> government by a few
pan	all, every	<i>panacea</i> cure all <i>panorama</i> unobstructed view in all directions
para	beyond, related	<i>parallel</i> similar <i>paraphrase</i> restate; translate
per	through, completely	<i>permeable</i> allowing passage through <i>pervade</i> spread throughout
peri	around, near	<i>perimeter</i> outer boundary <i>periphery</i> edge <i>periphrastic</i> stated in a roundabout way
poly	many	<i>polygamist</i> person with several spouses <i>polyglot</i> speaking several languages

Roots F (*all tests are cumulative)

Prefix	Meaning	Illustration
post	after	<i>postpone</i> delay <i>posterity</i> generations that follow <i>posthumous</i> after death
pre	before	<i>preamble</i> introductory statement <i>prefix</i> word part placed before a root/stem <i>premonition</i> forewarning
prim	first	<i>primordial</i> existing at the dawn of time <i>primogeniture</i> state of being the first born
pro	forward, in favor of	<i>propulsive</i> driving forward <i>proponent</i> supporter
proto	first	<i>prototype</i> first of its kind
pseudo	false	<i>pseudonym</i> pen name
re	again, back	<i>reiterate</i> repeat <i>reimburse</i> pay back
retro	backward	<i>retrospect</i> looking back <i>retroactive</i> effective as of a past date
se	away, aside	<i>secede</i> withdraw <i>seclude</i> shut away <i>seduce</i> lead astray

Roots G (*all tests are cumulative)

Prefix	Meaning	Illustration
semi	half, partly	<i>semiannual</i> every six months <i>semiconscious</i> partly conscious
sub, suc, suf, sug, sup, sus	under, less	<i>subway</i> underground road <i>subjugate</i> bring under control <i>succumb</i> yield; cease to resist <i>suffuse</i> spread through <i>suggest</i> hint <i>suppress</i> put down by force <i>suspend</i> delay
super, sur	over, above	<i>supernatural</i> above natural things <i>supervise</i> oversee <i>surtax</i> additional tax
syn, sym, syl, sys	with, together	<i>synchronize</i> time together <i>synthesize</i> combine together <i>sympathize</i> pity; identify with <i>syllogism</i> explanation of how ideas work <i>system</i> network
tele	Far	<i>telemetry</i> measurement from a distance <i>telegraphic</i> communicated over a distance
trans	across	<i>transport</i> carry across <i>transpose</i> reverse, move across

Roots H (*all tests are cumulative)

Prefix	Meaning	Illustration
ultra	beyond, excessive	<i>ultramodern</i> excessively modern <i>ultracritical</i> exceedingly critical
un	not	<i>unfeigned</i> not pretended; real <i>unkempt</i> not combed; disheveled <i>unwitting</i> not knowing; unintentional
under	below	<i>undergird</i> strengthen underneath <i>underling</i> someone inferior
uni	one	<i>unison</i> oneness of pitch; complete accord <i>unicycle</i> one-wheeled vehicle
vice	in place of	<i>vicarious</i> acting as a substitute <i>viceroys</i> governor active in place of a king
with	away, against	<i>withhold</i> hold back; keep <i>withstand</i> stand up against; resist