| Prefix | Meaning | Example |
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| $a, ~ a n$ | without, not | asexual, amoral, anarchy, anhydrous, Anabaptist, anachronism |
| ab, abs, a | apart, away from | abnormal, abduct, abductor (muscle), abscission .See ad in Prefixes, |
| ad | toward | adhere, adductor (muscle). See $a b$ in Prefixes section), adumbrate |
| ante | before | antedate, anteroom, antecedent, anterior |
| anti | against | antipathy, antitank, anticlimax |
| bi | two | bi-partisan, bisexual, biennial, binary, bicuspid, bivalve |
| bene | well, favorable | benefit, benevolent, benefactor, beneficent |
| circum | around | circumference, circumlocution, circumnavigate |
| di | two, double | dimorphism, dicotyledon, diatomic |
| dia | across, through | diagonal, dialectic, dialogue, diagnosis |
| dis | not, apart | disperse, disinherit, disenfranchise, distend |
| ego | I, self | ego, egomaniac, egocentric, |
| epi | upon, over | epidermis, epidemic, epigram, epitaph, epithet, epiphyte, epistasis, epinephrine, epiphysis |
| ex | out | exotic, exterior, extraneous, extemporaneous, exophalmic, exogenous, exothermic, exoskeleton |
| in | in | incarcerate, incorporate, inculcate, induction, inductance, indigenous, indicator, inspiration |
| in, im | not | incredible, ignoble, inglorious, inhospitable, infinite, infinitesimal, immoral |
| inter | between | interact, interstellar, interpret, interstitial |
| macro | large | macroeconomics, macroscopic, macrophage |
| micro | small | microscope, micron, micrometer, microorganism |


| mono | one, single | monocle, monopoly, monogamy, monovalent, <br> monomania, monarchy |
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| peri | around | peripatetic, periscope, perineum, peritoneum |
| poly (see Roots section also) | many | polygamy, polyphonic, hoi polloi |
| post | after | post script (p.s.), ex post facto, post hoc, <br> post-mortem |
| pre | before | premier, preview, premium, prescient |
| pro | before, in favor of | project, projectile, |
| subter | under, secret | subterfuge, subtle, subaltern, subterranean |
| syn, sin | together, with | synchronize, symphony, sympathy, syncretic, <br> syncope |
| trans | across | transport, transcend, transmogrify |

