

Talk a Lot

Focus on Connected Speech

Common Prefixes and What they Indicate

- A prefix comes at the beginning of a word. It is sometimes **stressed** and sometimes **unstressed**.
- Prefixes give information about the meaning of the word.

<u>Prefix</u>	<u>Meaning</u>	<u>Example</u>	<u>Literally</u>
a-	common verbs/adverbs/prepositions/adjectives (e.g. annoy/again/above/awake)		
ante-	before	antenatal	before birth
anti-	against	anti-depressants	against depression
auto-	self	autobiography	a self-written biography
bi-	two	bicycle	two wheels
co-	with	cooperate	work with somebody
counter-	against	counter-culture	against the culture
de-	remove	declassify	remove classification
dis-	not	disapprove	not approve
equi-	equal	equidistant	at an equal distance
ex-	former	ex-wife	a former wife
fore-	before	forefather	relative before your existing family
homo-	same	homophones	words with same sounds/spellings
hyper-	extremely	hypersensitive	extremely sensitive
il-	not	illogical	not logical
ill-	badly	ill-prepared	badly prepared
im-	not	immature	not mature
in-	not	incomplete	not complete
inter-	between	international	between nations
kilo-	thousand	kilometre	one thousand metres
mal-	badly	malfunctioning	functioning badly
mega-	million	megawatt	one million watts
mini-	small	minibus	a small bus
mis-	wrongly	mispronounced	wrongly pronounced
mono-	one	monotone	one tone
multi-	many	multimedia	many different kinds of media
neo-	new	neoclassical	new classical style
non-	not	non-member	not a member
out-	separate / do better	outdoors/out-bid	not indoors/a higher bid
over-	too much	overachiever	one who achieves too much
post-	after	postgraduate	after graduation
pre-	before	prearrange	arrange something before now
pro-	supporting	pro-change	supporting change
pseudo-	false	pseudonym	false name (nym = name)
re-	again	review	look at again
self-	about the self	self-taught	taught by oneself
semi-	half	semi-circle	half a circle
sub-	below	submarine	below the sea
super-	above	supervisor/superstar	above others/above other stars
sur-	above	surcharge	an extra charge
tele-	remote	television	pictures sent from far away
trans-	across	trans-continental	across continents
tri-	three	triathlon	three athletics events in one
ultra-	beyond	ultrasound	high frequency sound waves
un-	not	uninteresting	not interesting
under-	below	underwear	under your clothes