

# Ready Reference

## Prefixes

Prefix	Meaning	Example
ante-	before, in front of	antechamber, anteroom
anti-	against	antifreeze, antislavery
bi-	two, twice	bicycle, biweekly
co-	together	coexist, copilot
counter-	against	counterattack, counterbalance
de-	opposite of, remove from, reduce	decode, dethrone
dis-	not, opposite of	disapprove, disbelief
en-	put on, cover or surround, make	endanger, enlighten
ex-	out of, former	exhale
fore-	in front of	foreground, forefront
hyper-	more than usual	hyperactive, hypersensitive
hypo-	under	hypodermic
im-, in-, ir-	not	impossible, inactive, irresponsible
inter-	together, between	intercontinental
mid-	middle	midway, midterm
mis-	wrong, bad	misjudge, mispronounce, mistreat
mono-	one, single	monotone, monorail
non-	not	nonfiction, nonrefundable
out-	greater, better, outer place	outdo, outlive, outside
over-	beyond, too much	overact, overeat
post-	after	postmodern, postwar
pre-	before, in front of	predawn, preschool
re-	again, back	review, recall, return
sub-	under, part of a whole	subway, substandard
tele-	far away	telephone, teleport
trans-	move from one place to another, across, change	transport, transatlantic, transform
tri-	three	triangle, tricycle
un-	not, opposite of, lack of	untrue, unpack, uneasy

## Suffixes

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-able, -ible	able to, capable of	erasable, reproducible
-al	belonging to, process of action	musical, normal
-ance, -ence, -ancy, -ency	quality, act, or condition	emergency, assistance
-ant	to be in or perform a certain act	attendant, servant
-ar, -er	one who does something	beggar, waiter, driver
-ate	result or act of	refrigerate, ventilate
-dom	area ruled by, condition or state of being	kingdom, freedom
-er, -est	superlative adjective	sweeter, happiest
-ful	full of	joyful, plentiful
-fy	to form into or become	beautify, stupefy
-hood	state of being, membership in a group	childhood, neighborhood
-ic	like, pertaining to	classic, angelic
-ics	study of, act or practice of	athletics, gymnastics
-ion	act, process of	vacation, permission
-ish	nationality, having likeness to	Scottish, childish
-ive	having the quality of, tending to	permissive, instructive
-less	without	homeless, clueless
-let	smallness in size, worn on the body	leaflet, anklet
-like	similar to	life-like, childlike
-ly	in a certain manner, like, occurring every	slowly, hurriedly, queenly, yearly
-ment	result of, action or process, state or condition	accomplishment, development, amazement
-ness	manner or state of being	happiness, closeness
-or	one who does something, state or act	actor, error
-ship	state of, office, or skill	friendship, internship, horsemanship
-tion, -sion	action, process, or condition	selection, confusion
-ty, -ity	state, quality, or amount	safety, quality
-ward	toward, in the direction of	homeward, westward
-wise	way, direction, in respect to	lengthwise, clockwise
-y, -ey	quality or state of, resembling, place or business, small	stormy, jealousy, bakery, bunny