

## Build your vocabulary with the really tricky prefix game

Below are 20 less common prefixes. Without using the internet or a dictionary, see how many additional words you can think of for each prefix and then see if you can work out what the prefix and the examples mean. Once you have done as many as you can, look online/in a dictionary and write down other examples you have heard before in another colour. If you can, jot down a simple definition and see if you can spot them in your reading. The first one has been done for you because it's the most difficult.

**Warning:** some words begin with the same letters as a prefix, but they aren't prefixes, e.g., *person*

Prefix	Subjects often found in	Two examples	Your examples	Highlight meaning
1. <b>Ante</b> (Latin)	English; science; geography	<b>ante meridiem</b> (a.m.) <b>antedate</b>	antecedent; antennae; antediluvian;	after/ <b>before</b>
2. <b>per</b> (Latin)	maths; science; music; English	<b>perceive</b> <b>percent</b>		not/ through
3. <b>poly</b> (Greek)	science; maths; history	<b>polyclinic</b> <b>polydemic</b>		heat/ many
4. <b>a/an</b> (Greek)	English; science;	<b>anonymous</b> <b>anemic</b>		Not (absence) /more
5. <b>anti/ant</b> (Greek)	English; science; geography	<b>antidote</b> <b>antithesis</b>		down/ against
6. <b>bi</b> (Latin)	maths; science	<b>bifocal</b> <b>biennial</b>		into/ two
7. <b>circ/circum</b> (Latin)	maths; science; PE	<b>circumference</b> <b>circumcise</b>		out of/ around
8. <b>be</b> (Old English)	English; science; maths	<b>berate</b> <b>bemused</b>		again/ intensive
9. <b>apo</b> (Greek)	Science; religion, English; history	<b>apostrophe</b> <b>apocalypse</b>		away from /into
10. <b>ab/abs</b> (Latin)	religion, English history; science	<b>abstain</b> <b>abdicate</b>		between/ away from
11. <b>non</b> (Latin)	English; business history; science; RE	<b>nonsensical</b> <b>nonconformist</b>		before/ not
12. <b>e/ec/ex</b> (Latin)	English; science	<b>eclipse</b> <b>effusive</b>		wrong/ out
13. <b>di</b> (Greek)	English; science; maths	<b>dilemma</b> <b>digraph</b>		after/ 2 or separate
14. <b>il/ir</b> (Latin)	English; law	<b>illiterate</b> <b>irregular</b>		forward/ not
15. <b>ad</b> (Latin)	English; science	<b>advise</b> <b>administer</b>		again/ to or toward
16. <b>em/en</b> (Latin)	English; geography; history	<b>employ</b> <b>enrol</b>		in (into)/ not
17. <b>super</b> (Latin)	history; English	<b>superimpose</b> <b>superlative</b>		within/ above
18. <b>intra</b> (Latin)	science; geography	<b>intracoastal</b> <b>intramolecular</b>		within/ down/
19. <b>ob/of/</b> <b>op</b> (Latin)	English; law	<b>obliterate</b> <b>oppose</b>		against (facing) /for or with
20. <b>intro</b> (Latin)	English; philosophy; psychology	<b>introspection</b> <b>introvert</b>		not or against/ into or inward