

## Build your vocabulary with the prefix word game football style



Below are 20 common prefixes (bits of meaning that can be added to the front of words). All my examples relate to football. Without using the internet/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 means. Once you have done as many as you can, look online/in a dictionary and write down other examples in another colour and see if you can spot them in your reading. The first one has been done for you because it was the most difficult.

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

Prefix	Football examples	Your examples	Highlight meaning
1. anti	antisocial, anticlimax	antidote; antiseptic; antipathy; antihero; anti-inflammatory; anti-aging; antibacterial	against/ for
2. auto	autograph, automatic		not/ self
3. co/com/ con	contest, coexist		together/ beyond
4. contra contro	contrast, controversy		into/ against
5. de	demote, defer		down/ up
6. dis	disallow, dispute		into/ not
7. ex	exit, example		out of/ again
8. extra	extraordinary, extra time		again/ beyond
9. in	inside, intentional		against/ into
10. inter	intercept, international		between/ against
11. mis	mistake, miskick		again/ wrong
12. post	post-match, postpone		before/ after
13. pre	pre-match, premature		before/ after
14. pro	progress, promotion		after/ forward
15. re	replay, review		again/ wrong
16. semi	semi-final, semi-skilled		not/ half
17. sub	substitute, submit		again/ under
18. trans/tra	transfer, transform		down/ across
19. un	unfit, unskilled		not/ from
20. uni	united, uniform		many/ one