



# Prefixes *super-*, *dis-*, *pre-*, *semi-*, *uni-*

<b>supermarket</b>	<b>displease</b>	<b>preview</b>	<b>semicircle</b>	<b>unicycle</b>
<b>superhuman</b>	<b>dishonest</b>	<b>prehistoric</b>	<b>semiprecious</b>	<b>unicorn</b>

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A PREFIX CHANGES THE MEANING OF THE WORD.

*super-* means "more than"  
*pre-* means "before"  
*uni-* means "one"

*dis-* means "not; away"  
*semi-* means "half"



A **supermarket** is a large food store.

Someone who is **superhuman** shows extra strength or power.  
If you **displease** someone, you annoy that person.

A person who cheats or lies is **dishonest**.

If you get a **preview** of something, you see it in advance.

**Prehistoric** means "before recorded history."

A **semicircle** is half a circle. / **Semiprecious** jewels aren't as valuable as precious ones.

A **unicycle** has one wheel.

A **unicorn** is an imaginary animal with one horn on its forehead.

**A.** Add the correct prefix to each word to form a new word. Use the meaning clue in parentheses to help you.

- (before) \_\_\_\_\_ view
- (one) \_\_\_\_\_ cycle
- (not) \_\_\_\_\_ please
- (half) \_\_\_\_\_ precious
- (more than) \_\_\_\_\_ human
- (more than) \_\_\_\_\_ market

**B.** Write the correct word to complete each sentence. Use the picture clues to help you.

1.  I am \_\_\_\_\_.

2.  I am a \_\_\_\_\_.

3.  I am \_\_\_\_\_.

4.  I am a \_\_\_\_\_.

# Prefixes *non-*, *en-*, *multi-*, *post-*, *trans-*

<b>nonfiction</b>	<b>enrage</b>	<b>multicolored</b>	<b>postdate</b>	<b>transcontinental</b>
<b>nonstop</b>	<b>endanger</b>	<b>multipurpose</b>	<b>postscript</b>	<b>transplant</b>

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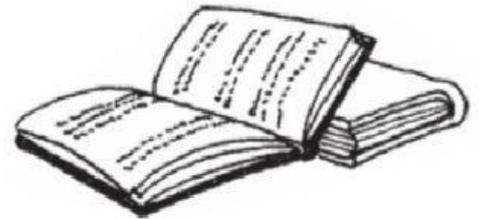
**non-** means "not"

**en-** means "to cause"

**multi-** means "many"

**post-** means "after"

**trans-** means "across"



## **Nonfiction**

books are about real people and events.

When you travel **nonstop**, you don't stop along the way.

If you make someone really angry, you **enrage** that person.

By putting someone in harm's way, you **endanger** that person.

Something **multicolored** has many colors. / A **multipurpose** tool has many uses.

If you **postdate** something, you give a date later than the true date.

A **postscript** is added to the end of a letter after the signature.

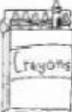
**Transcontinental** means "across the continent."

When you **transplant** something, you move it from one place to another.

**A.** Add the correct prefix to each word to form a new word. Use the meaning clue in parentheses to help you.

1. (to cause) \_\_\_\_\_ rage
2. (not) \_\_\_\_\_ stop
3. (after) \_\_\_\_\_ date
4. (many) \_\_\_\_\_ purpose
5. (across) \_\_\_\_\_ continental
6. (after) \_\_\_\_\_ script

**B.** Write the correct word to complete each sentence. Use the picture clues to help you.

1.  I am \_\_\_\_\_.
2.  We are \_\_\_\_\_.
3.  They will \_\_\_\_\_ me.
4.  I can \_\_\_\_\_ you.

# Prefixes **retro-**, **ir-**, **mal-**, **inter-**, **ab-**

<b>retroactive</b>	<b>irresponsible</b>	<b>malfunction</b>	<b>intersection</b>	<b>abduct</b>
<b>retrospective</b>	<b>irrational</b>	<b>malformed</b>	<b>interpose</b>	<b>abstain</b>

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**retro-** means "backward"

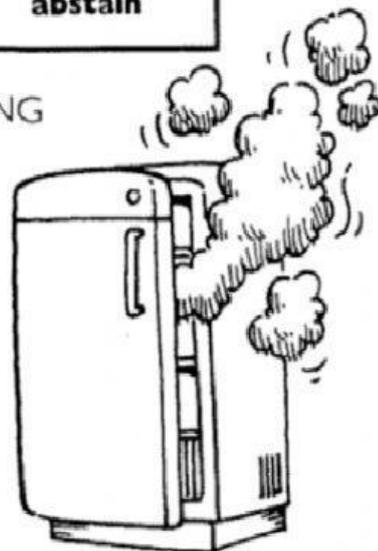
**ir-** means "not"

**mal-** means "bad"

**inter-** means "between"

**ab-** means "from"

If something **malfunctions**, it doesn't work.



A law that is **retroactive** applies to events before the law was passed.

A **retrospective** is a survey of past experiences.

If you are **irresponsible**, you are not responsible.

When someone is **irrational**, that person is not thinking clearly.

**Malformed** means "poorly shaped." / An **intersection** is where one thing crosses another.

To **interpose** means "to come between things." / **Abduct** means "carry off by force."

If you **abstain** from something, you do without it.

**A. Read the words in each row. Write a vocabulary word that means almost the same thing.**

1. unreliable, untrustworthy \_\_\_\_\_

2. refrain, forego \_\_\_\_\_

3. intervene, insert \_\_\_\_\_

4. distorted, misshapen \_\_\_\_\_

5. seize, kidnap \_\_\_\_\_

6. illogical, unreasonable \_\_\_\_\_

**B. Add the correct prefix to each word to form a new word. Use the meaning clue in parentheses to help you.**

1. (backward) \_\_\_\_\_active

2. (between) \_\_\_\_\_section

3. (bad) \_\_\_\_\_function

4. (backward) \_\_\_\_\_spective

# Prefixes **bi-**, **com-**, **il-**, **hydro-**, **mono-**

<b>bivalve</b>	<b>commiserate</b>	<b>illegal</b>	<b>hydroplane</b>	<b>monotone</b>
<b>biannual</b>	<b>compile</b>	<b>illiterate</b>	<b>hydroelectric</b>	<b>monosyllable</b>

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A **bivalve** is a shell with two parts that hinge together.

- bi-** means "two"
- com-** means "with"
- il-** means "not"
- hydro-** means "water"
- mono-** means "single"

A **biannual** event occurs twice a year.

If you **commiserate** with someone, you feel sorrow for his or her trouble.

When you **compile** things, you collect them. / Something that is **illegal** is against the law.

A person who does not know how to read or write is **illiterate**.

A **hydroplane** can land or take off on water. / Electricity made from waterpower is **hydroelectric**.

**Monotone** means "sameness of tone or style." / A **monosyllable** is a word with one syllable.

**A.** Read each word. Write the word from the box that means almost the same thing.

<b>compile</b>	<b>commiserate</b>
<b>illiterate</b>	<b>illegal</b>
<b>monotone</b>	<b>hydroplane</b>

1. unlearned \_\_\_\_\_
2. seaplane \_\_\_\_\_
3. pity \_\_\_\_\_
4. unlawful \_\_\_\_\_
5. assemble \_\_\_\_\_
6. drone \_\_\_\_\_

**B.** Add the correct prefix to each word to form a new word. Use the meaning clue in parentheses to help you.

1. (two) \_\_\_\_\_ valve
2. (single) \_\_\_\_\_ syllable
3. (water) \_\_\_\_\_ electric
4. (two) \_\_\_\_\_ annual