

# **TOEFL VOCABULARY**

## **PREDICTING MEANING USING PREFIXES**

### **PREFIXES**

**A prefix is a part of a word that is attached before the word root and changes the meaning of the word.**

<b>Prefix</b>	<b>Meaning</b>	<b>Word</b>
Im-	not	possible

**New word :** impossible

**New meaning:** not possible



# LEARN THE MOST COMMON PREFIXES IN ENGLISH



Use the following list of prefixes in English to become familiar with each prefix, its area of meaning, and some example words.

		Column A Example word	Column B Example word of your own
<b>Prefixes for negation</b>			
<i>a-</i>	not	amoral	_____
<i>dis-</i>	not	disassociate	_____
<i>il-</i>	not	illiterate	<i>illegal</i>
<i>im-</i>	not	impossible	_____
<i>in-</i>	not	inactive	<i>indecisive</i>
<i>ir-</i>	not	irrational	_____
<i>mis-</i>	wrong	misgiving	_____
<i>non-</i>	not	nonexistent	_____
<i>un-</i>	not	unintentional	<i>unimportant</i>
<b>Prefixes for number and size</b>			
<i>demi-</i>	half	demitasse	_____
<i>hemi-</i>	half	hemisphere	_____
<i>semi-</i>	half	semicircle	_____
<i>mon-, mono-</i>	one	monologue	_____
<i>uni-</i>	one	unification	_____
<i>proto-</i>	first	prototypical	_____



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<i>olig-</i>	few	oligarchy	_____
<i>poly-</i>	many	polygamy	_____
<i>bi-</i> , <i>bin-</i>	two	bilingual	_____
<i>tri-</i>	three	trimester	_____
<i>dec-</i> , <i>deci-</i>	ten	decade	_____
<i>cent-</i> , <i>hect-</i>	hundred	centennial	_____
<i>myria-</i>	ten thousand	myriameter	_____

## Prefixes for very small

<i>micro-</i>	small	microscope	_____
<i>milli-</i>	thousandth	milligram	_____

## Prefixes for very large

<i>macro-</i>	large	macroeconomics	_____
<i>mega-</i>	large	megalomania	_____
<i>magni-</i>	great	magnificent	_____

## Prefixes for time

<i>ante-</i>	before	antebellum	_____
<i>pre-</i>	before	preindustrial	_____
<i>pro-</i>	before	progeny	_____
<i>re-</i>	again	regain	_____
<i>after-</i>	after	aftertaste	_____ <i>afterthought</i>
<i>epi-</i>	after	epilogue	_____ <i>epitaph</i>
<i>post-</i>	after	postgraduate	_____ <i>postpone</i>

## Prefixes for where

<i>ac-</i>	to, toward	accrue	_____
<i>ad-</i>	to, toward	addiction	_____
<i>af-</i>	to, toward	affirm	_____
<i>ag-</i>	to, toward	aggressive	_____
<i>an-</i>	to, toward	annotate	_____
<i>by-</i>	near	bystander	_____



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em-	in	envelope	
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im-	into	immerse	
intra-	within	intramural	
intro-	inside	introspection	
enter-	among	entertain	
inter-	among	interstate	
epi-	upon	epidermis	
e-	out, away	emigrate	
ex-	out	exit	
extra-	outside	extraterrestrial	
de-	from, down	demerit	
off-	from	offspring	
mid-	middle	midsummer	
on-	on	onshore	
para-	beside	paralegal	
per-	throughout	pervasive	
circu-	around	circumvent	
peri-	all around	periphery	
trans-	across	transcontinental	
dia-	through	diagonal	
pro-	forward	proceed	
re-	back	retract	
retro-	back	retroflex	
sub-	under	subzero	
under-	below	underachiever	
with-	back away	withdraw	
super-	over	supervisor	
tele-	distant	telecommunications	

## Prefixes for amount

extra-	excessive	extravagant	
hyper-	too much	hyperactive	
hypo-	too little	hypoglycemic	
omni-	all	omnipresent	
out-	surpassing	outdo	





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<i>col-</i>	with	colleague	_____
<i>com-</i>	with	commune	_____
<i>con-</i>	with	connect	_____
<i>co-</i>	together	coordinate	_____
<i>sym-</i>	together	symphony	_____
<i>syn-</i>	together	synthesis	_____

## Prefixes that make a judgment

<i>anti-</i>	against	antisocial	_____
<i>contra-</i>	against	contraception	_____
<i>dys-</i>	bad	dysfunction	_____
<i>mal-</i>	bad	maladjusted	_____
<i>mis-</i>	wrong	misfortune	_____
<i>bene-</i>	good	benefactor	_____
<i>eut-</i>	good	euphoria	_____
<i>pro-</i>	for	pro-education	_____

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## Other prefixes

<i>ambi-</i>	both	ambivalent	_____
<i>amphi-</i>	around	amphitheater	_____
<i>be-</i>	make	befriend	_____
<i>hetero-</i>	different	heterodox	_____
<i>homo-</i>	same	homogeneous	_____
<i>meta-</i>	change	metabolism	_____
<i>neo-</i>	new	neoclassicism	_____

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<i>pseudo-</i>	false	pseudonym	_____



# READY TO PRACTICE PREFIXES ?



## Science and technology

Complete definitions 1-15 with words and expressions from the box. You will not need all of the words and expressions from the box.

analyze control bioclimatology cryogenics biology cybernetics breakthrough  
computers geneticist chemistry cellphone cybernetics development digital discovery  
discover e-mail experiment information superhighway genetic engineering genetic  
fingerprinting geneticist information technology (IT) innovation modified  
invent invention life expectancy microchip internet  
molecular biology scientist nuclear engineering technocrat technologist physics research  
technophile safeguard technophobe

1- \_\_\_\_\_ is the practice or science of changing the genes of a living thing, especially in order to make it more suitable for a particular purpose.

2-A \_\_\_\_\_ is a rule, law, or plan that protects people or something from harm or problems.

3- \_\_\_\_\_ is the study of living things.

4-A \_\_\_\_\_ is someone who does not like, trust, or want to use technology, especially computers.

5-A \_\_\_\_\_ is a discovery or achievement that comes after a lot of hard work.

6- \_\_\_\_\_ is the study or use of computers and electronic systems for storing and using information.

7- If something is \_\_\_\_\_ it is changed slightly in order to improve it.

8-A \_\_\_\_\_ is a scientist who studies or works in genetics

9- \_\_\_\_\_ is the use of technology to make copies of natural things (for example, artificial body parts)

10. A \_\_\_\_\_ is a scientist or other technical expert with a high position in industry or government

11. \_\_\_\_\_ is the detailed study of something in order to discover new facts

12. \_\_\_\_\_ is the science that studies the effects of low temperatures, especially the use of low temperatures for preserving the bodies of dead people.

13. An \_\_\_\_\_ is a scientific test find what happens to someone or something in particular conditions

14. \_\_\_\_\_ is the length of time that someone is likely to live.

15. \_\_\_\_\_ is the invention or use of new ideas, methods, equipment, etc