

PREFIXES



1) MEANING.

- Prefixes are syllables which we add before certain words to form new words. The meaning of the new word depends on the prefix that has been used.

anti- = against (*anti-war*)
bi- = two (*bilingual*)
co- = with (*co-pilot*)
counter- = in the opposite direction (*counterattack*)
ex- = previous, former (*ex-husband*)
Inter- = between (*intercontinental*)
mis- = done wrongly or badly (*misunderstand*)
mono- = one (*monolingual*)
multi- = many (*multimillionaire*)
non- = not (*non-members*)
out- = more, better (*outdo*)
over- = (done) to a great extent (*oversleep*)
post- = after (*postgraduate*)
pre- = before (*pre-school*)
pro- = in favour of (*pro-war*)
re- = again (*rewrite*)
semi- = half (*semi-detached*)
sub- = under, less (*subway*)
super- = big, more (*superhero*)
trans- = (travel) from one side, group etc to another (*transatlantic*)
tri- = three (*triangle*)
under- = not enough (*underpaid*)
uni- = one (*uniform*)

The prefixes below are used to express opposite meanings.

de- *defrost, decompose*
dis- *dissatisfied, disobey*
in- *inaccurate, insecure* BUT **il-** (before **l**) *illegal*
im- (before **b, m, p**) *immature, impossible* **ir-** (before **r**) *irrelevant* BUT *unreliable, unreasonable*
non- *non-existent, non-stop*
un- *uncomfortable, unlucky*

Some prefixes are added to words to form verbs.

en- *courage – encourage*
 BUT **em-** (before **b, m, p**) *power – empower*

2) WRITE A WORD PAYING ATTENTION TO THE ROOT AND ADDING ONE PREFIX.

1 After the operation, the patient was prescribed some drugs that would reduce the risk of inflammation.	INFLAMMATORY
2 Children their clothes quickly.	GROW
3 In a society various languages are spoken and different ethnic groups live together and learn to respect each other's traditions and customs.	CULTURAL
4 This is a conference which takes place in spring and autumn every year.	ANNUAL
5 The sat next to the driver, put on his helmet and gloves, and got ready for the car race.	DRIVER
6 The first railroad in the United States was built in the 1860s and connected North America's east and west coasts.	CONTINENTAL
7 The teacher drew a on the blackboard and asked the students to copy it into their notebooks.	ANGLE
8 She was rushed to hospital with symptoms of food poisoning after having eaten chicken.	COOKED
9 He decided to their offer.	CONSIDER
10 He the speed of the car coming towards him and crashed into it with great force.	JUDGED
11 Heathrow Airport, the busiest airport in the world, handles up to a thousand domestic and flights a day.	NATIONAL
12 Jack and his are on good terms with each other and still spend time together for the sake of their children.	WIFE
13 She me by saying that my argument didn't hold water and was totally invalid.	ATTACKED
14 In the years, many women had to raise their children on their own as a high number of men had been killed in the war.	WAR
15 Snow and temperatures have brought the country's transportation system to a standstill.	ZERO
16 The documentary explores the development of painting and sculpture during, ancient and medieval times.	HISTORIC
17 The football team are preparing for the which will be held next week at Stamford Bridge.	FINAL
18 There seems to be a new movement in many non-democratic countries.	DEMOCRACY
19 He became a throughout the whole country after scoring for the third time.	STAR