

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.

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| 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 |