

DC-3inglés

Following is a list of some common Prefixes, Roots, and Suffixes along with their meanings and example words. Use these word parts to help with the meanings and expand your vocabulary instantly.

PREFIXES		
Word Part	Meaning	Examples
PREFIXES WITH NEGATIVE MEANINGS		
a; an	not or without	atypical, anaerobic
anti	against; opposite	antifreeze, antibiotic
dis	not; opposite	disown, disconnect
in, im	not	inactive, immature
il, ir	not	illegal, irresponsible
mis	wrong	misspelled, misnomer
non	not	nonessential, nonverbal
un	not	unavailable, undecided
PREFIXES THAT CHANGE TIME		
post	after	postgraduate, postnatal
pre	before	precondition, predisposed
re	again; back	reactivate, reposition
retro	backward	retrogress, retroactive
PREFIXES THAT CONCERN PLACEMENT OR DIRECTION		
Ab; A	away from	abduction; amoral
Circum	around	circuit, circumference
De	down	descend, deescalate
Ex; Exo	out; no longer	exit, expand, exorcism
Inter	between	interview, intervene
Intra	within	intrastate, intravenous
Per	through	permeate, perfume
Pro	forward; for	projection, promote
Sub	below	subnormal, submarine
Syn	together	synagogue, synonym
Super	above	superhuman, supersonic
Trans	across	transcend, transport
PREFIXES THAT RELATE TO NUMBERS		
Mono	one	monogram, monolith

Duo	two	duet, duplex
Multi	many	multiple, multinational
Uni	one	unicycle, uniform
Bi	two; twice	bicycle, binary
Tri	three	trimester, tricycle
Quad	four	quadrant, quadruple
Poly	many	polymer, polygon
Milli	one thousandth	millimeter, milligram
Centi	one hundredth	centimeter, centigram
Kilo	thousand	kilometer, kilogram

MISCELLANEOUS PREFIXES

Auto	self	automatic, autobiography
Bio	life	biography, biology
De	away; down	depress, detach
Demo	people	demographics, democracy
Dis	not; no longer; away	distance
Eu	good; pleasant	euphonious, eulogy
Hetero	different, mixed	heterogeneous, heterosexual
Homo	man; same	homogenous, homicide
Hyper	excessive	hyperactive, hypersensitive
Hypo	below; under	hypodermic, hypoglycemic
Macro	large	macrocosm, macroscopic
Micro	small	microcosm, microscope
Non	not	nonbeliever, nonsense
Re	back; again	return, renegotiate
Semi	partly	semicircle, semitransparent

SUFFIXES

Word Part	Examples
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NOUN SUFFIXES – USUALLY MEAN THE STATE OR QUALITY OF...

ance	attendance, disappearance
cracy	democracy, theocracy
cy	constancy, irrelevancy
ence	preference, inference
ful	grateful, suspenseful
ion	agitation, migration
ism	truism, spiritualism

graph	write	graphology, autograph
logy	study of	psychology, geology
path	suffer; disease	psychopath, pathologist
phobia	fear	claustrophobia, agoraphobia
phono	sound	megaphone, microphone
port	carry	portable, transport
spect	look; see	spectator, spectacles

ity/ty	superiority, loyalty
ment	astonishment, excitement
ness	greatness, fitness

NOUN SUFFIXES THAT REFER TO A PERSON

able	durable, comfortable
ary	visionary, secretary
ee	nominee, employee
er/or	teacher, instructor
ess	acress, seamstress
est	fullest, happiest
ible	incredible, feasible
ist	pharmacist, egotist

VERB SUFFIXES – USUALLY MEAN CHARACTERIZED BY

ate	stimulate, consolidate
ify	classify, simplify
ize	dramatize, capitalize

ROOTS		
Word Part	Meaning	Examples
audi	to hear	audition, audience
bio	life	biology, bionics
cide	to kill	suicide, homicide
cred	to believe	incredible, credibility
dic	to speak; tell	dictate, dictionary
duc	lead	educator, abduct