

QuillBot Prefixes List

The following list includes examples of English words with common prefixes. When a prefix is added to a base word, it changes its meaning. For example, when you add the prefix “in” to “dependent,” you get a new word with a different meaning—“independent.”

Prefix	Meaning	Examples
a- or an-	Not	anaerobic, apolitical, asymmetry, asymptomatic, atypical
anti-	Against	antibiotic, anticlimactic, antiestablishment, antifreeze, antigravity, anti-inflammatory, antiperspirant, antioxidant, antisocial, antitrust
auto-	By itself	autobiography, autocorrect, automobile, autoreply
bi- or di-	Two	biannual, bicentennial, bifocals, bilateral, bilingual, bimonthly, diatomic, dioxide
co-	Working together	coauthor, coexist, cooperation, costar, copilot, coworker
counter-	Against	counteract, counterbalance, counterclaim, counterclockwise, countermeasure, counterpart, counterproductive
de- or dis-	Stop or remove	deactivate, decompose, decontaminate, defrost, dehydrate, demystify, desensitize, disappear, disassemble, disengage, disobey
epi-	Above	epicenter, epidermis, episyllogism
extra-	To a greater extent or beyond	extracurricular, extrajudicial, extraordinary, extrasensory, extraterrestrial
fore-	Before	forearm, forecast, foreground, forehead, foresee, foreshadowing , forethought, forewarn,
hyper-	Beyond	hyperactive, hypercritical, hyperlink, hypertension, hyperthyroidism
hypo-	Not enough	hypocritical, hypoglycemia, hypothesis, hypothermia, hypothyroidism,
il-, im-, in-, or -ir	Not	illegible, impatient, impolite, incoherent, incorrect, inefficient, irreplaceable, irreversible

inter-	Between	interact, interchangeable, intergalactic, international, interpersonal, interstate
intra-	Within or inside	intracellular, intramural, intramuscular, intravenous,
macro-	Large-scale	macroeconomics, macroevolution, macronutrient
mal-	Unpleasant or not	maladjusted, malfunction, malnutrition, malpractice
micro-	Small-scale	microchip, microclimate, micromanage, micronutrient, microorganism
mid-	Middle	midday, midlife, midnight, midweek
mini-	Small	miniseries, miniskirt, minivan
mis-	Bad or wrong	miscalculate, misinformation, mismatch, misspell, mistake, misunderstanding
mono-	One	monocellular, monochromatic, monoculture, monosyllable, monotone,
multi-	More than one or many	multicultural, multifunctional, multimedia, multinational, multipurpose, multitask
neo-	New	neoclassical, neoliberal, neonatal
non-	Not or no	nondenominational, nonnegotiable, nonprescription, nonsense, nonstop, nontoxic
para-	Beyond or beside	paramedic, paramilitary, paranormal, paraphrasing , paraprofessional, parapsychology,
post-	After	postconsumer, postdoctoral, postmodern, postproduction, postsecondary
pre-	Before	predetermined, preexisting, prehistoric, prenatal, preview
pro-	Before or on behalf of	proactive, proclaim, prologue, pronoun , prorate
re-	Again	reaction, reappear, rearrange, review, rewrite

semi-	Partial or half	semiannual, semicolon , semiconductor, semifinalist, semiliterate
sub-	Below	subcategory, subculture, subfreezing, subheading, subplot, subtext, subtitle
trans-	Across or connecting	transaction, transform, transfusion, transnational, transport
tri-	Three	triangle, triathlete, triceratops, tricolor, tricycle
ultra-	Beyond or extremely	ultrafine, ultrasound, ultraviolet
un-	Not or opposite	unbiased, unconditional, uncover, unfold, unlock, unplug, unusual, unwavering, unwrap
uni-	One	unibrow, unicellular, unicorn, unicycle, uniform, unilateral