

Reagan High School -- Prefixes and Roots Study List

Prefixes

Prefix	Meaning	Word Examples	*
a-, an-	not, without	apathy, anarchy, amoral, atheist, atypical	*
ab-	away from	abnegate, absolve, absent	
ad-	to, toward	adhere, adhesive, adjust, advertise	
ambi-	both	ambivalent, ambidextrous, ambiguous	
ante-	before	antecedent, antediluvian, antebellum	*
anti-	against, opposite	antithesis, antimony, antisocial	*
be-	thoroughly	benefit, bedecked, belie, bemoan	
bi-	two	bicycle, binary, bivalve	
bio-	life	biology, biosphere	
circum-	around	circumference, circumspect, circumnavigate	
col-, com-, con-, co-	with, together	collate, combine, commiserate, conflagration, converge	*
contra-, counter-	against, opposite	contradict, counterpoint, contrary, contraband	
de-	from, down, away	detract, defrock, decompose, deploy	
di-	split, separate, two	divest, diverge, divide, dipartite, dichotomy	
dia-	through, across	diameter, diagonal, dialect	
dis-, dys-	not, negative	disbelief, dysfunctional, discredit, dyslexia, dissuade	*
e-, ex-	out, away, former	exit, egregious, emit, exhale, enervate, exceed	*
equi-	equal	equilateral, equidistant, equilibrium	
extra-	outside, beyond	extracurricular, extrapolate, extrasensory, extradite	
hetero-	other, different	heterogeneous, heterosexual	
homo-	same	homogenous, homonym, homophone	
hyper-	more than, above	hyperactive, hyperthermia, hyperbolic	
hypo-	less than, below	hypothermia, hypodermic, hypoallergenic	
il-, im-, in-, ir-	not	illicit, improper, inviolate, irregular, impregnable	*
infra-	beneath	infrastructure, infrared	
inter-	between	interstate, intercept, intermission	*
intra-	within	intrastate, intramural, intranet	*
intro-	before, within	introduction, introspective, introvert	
meta-	beyond, change	metamorphosis, metaphysical, metabolism	
micro-	small	microscope, microcosm	
mis-	bad	misnomer, misinform, mistake	*
mono-	one, alone	monomial, monotonous, monologue	
multi-	many	multifaceted, multiply, multitude	
neo-	new	neophyte, neologism, neoclassical	
non-	not	nondescript, noncommittal, nonsense, nonentity	*
omni-	all	omnipotent, omnipresent, omniscient	
pan-	all	panacea, pandemic, pandemonium	
para-	beside	parallel, paralegal, paraphrase	
per-	through	permit, perspicacity, perceive	*
peri-	around	perimeter, periphery, periscope	
poly-	many	polygon, polyglot, polygamous, polymorphous	
re-	again, back	revise, regain, repugnant, rescind, reflect	*

retro-	backwards	retrospective, retrograde, retroactive	
semi-	half	semicircle, semifinal, semiconscious, semiannual	
sub-	under	subscript, subordinate, submerge, subvert	
super-, supra-	above	superfluous, superscript, suprainelligent, supercede	
syn-	same, together	synonym, synthetic, synergy, synopsis	
tele-	distance, from afar	teleport, telescope, telekinesis, telepathy, telephone	
trans-	across	transmit, transcontinental, transport	*
tri-	three	triangle, trinity, trilateral, trilogy, triumvirate	
un-	not	unconditional, unsavory, unintended, unkempt	*
uni-	one	unique, unity, universal, unicorn	

Roots

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acer, acri, acu	bitter, sharp	acerbic, acrimonious, acumen, acute, acrid	*
ambulo	walk	perambulatory, ambulance, amble	*
amicus, amo	friend, love	amicable, amorous, amiable, enamored	*
anthro	man	anthropology, misanthropic, philanthropy	*
aqua	water	aquatic, aquifer, aqueduct	
archaios	ancient	archaeology, archaic	
archos, arch	chief, rule	monarchy, anarchy, oligarchy	
audio	hear	auditory, audition	
auto	self	automobile, automaton, autograph, automatic	
belli	war-like	bellicose, belligerent, rebellion	*
bene	good, favorable	benevolent, beneficent, benefit, benediction	*
biblio	book	bibliophile, bibliography	
brevis	short	brief, abbreviate	*
carn	flesh	carnivorous, incarnate, reincarnation	
chrom	color	polychromatic, chromosome, chromatograph	
chron	time	anachronism, chronicle, chronograph, synchronize	
cide	kill	genocide, patricide, homicidal	
cogn	know	recognize, cognizant, incognito	
cor, cord	heart	cordial, accord, discordant, courage	*
corpus	body	corpulent, corpse, corporation	*
cosmo	universe, world	cosmopolitan, cosmology, microcosm	
cred	believe	credo, discredit, incredulous, creed	
cyclo	wheel, circle	cyclical, bicycle, cyclone	
demos	people	democracy, demographic, epidemic, pandemic	
dermis	skin	taxidermy, epidermis, hypodermic	
dictum	say, speak	diction, contradictory, dictate, benediction	
dominus	master	dominate, domineering, dominion, predominant	*
fac, fact	make	factory, manufacture, fact	
fid, fidere	trust, faith	fidelity, infidel, confide, confederacy	*
flex, flect	bend	reflex, flexible, deflect	
flu	flow	confluence, superfluous, fluent, fluctuate	*
fort	strength	fortitude, fortress, fortify	
fract, frag	break	infraction, fracture, fragmentary, refract	
graph, gram	write, written	polygraph, graphic, telegram, photography	
greg	herd	gregarious, segregate, congregate, egregious	*

here	stick	adhere, coherence, inherent	
ject	throw	reject, ejection, interject	
juven	young	juvenile, rejuvenate	
leg	law	legislature, illegal, legitimate	
liber	free	liberty, liberate, liberal	
locus	place	location, allocate, locomotive	
luc, lumen	light	lucid, translucent, luminous	*
mater	mother	matriarchy, matrimony, maternal, matron	*
mit, mittere	send	transmit, emit, remittance, submit, intermittent	
mors, mort	death	morbid, mortuary, immortal	*
morph	shape	amorphous, metamorphic, polymorphous	
navis	ship	navigate, naval	
novus	new	novel, innovate, renovate	*
nox, noc	night	nocturnal, equinox	
ortho	straight, correct	orthodox, orthodontist, unorthodox	
pac, pax	peace	pacific, pacifist, pacify	
pater	father	patricide, patronage, paternity	*
pathos	feeling	empathy, apathetic, sympathize, antipathy	*
philo	love	bibliophile, philanthropist, philosophy	
phono	sound	homophone, phonetic, symphony	
plex, plic	fold, tangle	complicate, implicate, complex, explicate	*
polis	city	cosmopolitan, metropolis, police, politics	
pug	fight	pugilist, repugnant, pugnacious	
sci	know	science, conscience, omniscient	
scrib, script	write	scribe, inscribe, scribble, manuscript	
solus	alone	soliloquy, solitude, solo	
somn	sleep	insomnia, somnambulant	
soph	wise	philosophy, sophistry, sophisticated	
spec, spic	look	introspective, conspicuous, perspicacious	*
terra	earth	territory, extraterrestrial, terrain	
ver, veri	true	verity, verisimilitude, verify	
vid, vis	see	video, vision, supervise	