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| **Prefix or Suffix** | **What It Means** | **Example** |
| *a*, *an* | not, without | apathy, analgesic |
| *ab*, *abs* | away, from, separated | abdicate, abort |
| *ac*, *ad* | to, toward | acclaim, accrete, adhere, adjoin |
| *ambi*,*amphi* | both, around | ambiguous, ambidextrous, ambiance |
| *ante*, *anter* | before, prior, in front of | antebellum, antechamber, anterior, antique |
| *ap*, *apo* | away from, detached | apology, apostate, apostle |
| *cata*, *cat*,*cath* | downwards, against, contrary to | cataclysm, catapult, catharsis |
| *circum* | around | circumscribe, circumspect, circumference |
| *co*, *com*,*con* | with, together | cohabitation, comfort, collude, colloquy |
| *contra* | against | contradict, contrast |
| *de* | down from, reverse, remove, out of, derived from | decapitate, declare, deface, delegate, delineate |
| *di*, *dif*, *dis* | separation | disable, dispute, decrease, divert |
| *dys* | bad, difficult | dysentery, dysphoria |
| *ec*, *ecto*, *ex* | outside of, external, away from | eclectic, ecstasy, excursion, excuse, explode |
| *em*, *en*, *ent* | in, into, within | encourage, endemic, embryo, embargo, enchant |
| *epi* | over, above, around | epilogue, epitome, epidemic |
| *eu*, *ev* | well, good | euphoria, eulogy, euphemism |
| *hyper* | more, beyond normal, excessive | hyperkinetic, hypersonic |
| *hypo* | less, under, below | hypochondria, hypothesis |
| *in*, *im*, *em*,*en* | in, on, amongst, within | incarnate, insert, inspire, instruct, immolate, employ, enchant |
| *in*, *im* | not | immeasurable, improper, inadequate |
| *men*, *ment* | result, means of or product of an action | instrument, ailment, compartment, entanglement |
| *meta*, *meth* | after, along with, transfer, changed | metabolism, metaphor, metaphysics, method |
| *mis* | worse, badly | mischief, misadventure, mistake |
| *ob*, *of*, *op* | toward, against, face-to-face | object, obnoxious, occupy, oppose |
| *par*, *para* | beside, near, faulty | paradox, parasite, parody |
| *per* | through, thoroughly | perceive, permit, perpetrate, persuade |
| *peri* | around, near, beside | perimeter, peripheral |
| *pre* | before, in front of | precept, precede, prediction, predominant, pregnant |
| *pro* | earlier, before, forward | proclivity, pronounce, propose |
| *re* | back, backwards | recant, recount, recur |
| *se* | aside, away | secede, seclude, sever |
| *syl*, *sym*,*syn* | united, together with, same | synonym, sympathy, syllogism |
| *tra*, *trans* | beyond, across, through | transact, traverse, transport |
| *un* | not | unable, undeniable, undone |
| **Root** | **What It Means** | **Example** |
| *aco*(*u*) | to hear, hearing | acoustic |
| *act*, *ag* | to act, to do, to drive | active, agent |
| *agog*(*ue*), agogy | to lead, leader, guiding, inducing | demagogue |
| *agon*, *agonist* | struggle, content | agony, antagonist |
| *alg*, *algesia*,*algia* | pain | analgesic |
| *am*, *amat* | to love | amiable, amorous |
| *ambul* | to walk | circumambulate, amble |
| *andro*, *andry* | male | android, androgynous |
| *anim* | mind, feeling, life | animate |
| *anthrop* | man, human being | philanthropy, anthropology |
| *aqu* | water | aquatic, aquarium |
| *arch* | first, ancient, rule | archaic, archive |
| *aud* | to hear, hearing, aloud | audible, audience |
| *aug*, *auct*, *auth*,*aux* | to increase, to create | augment, author, auxiliary |
| *auto* | of, by, for, or in oneself | autobiography, autocrat, autodidact |
| *bene*, *bon* | good | bonus, benefit |
| *brac*, *brachi* | the arm | brachiate, bracelet |
| *cant*, *cent* | to sing | canticle, chant, recant, incantation |
| *cap*, *capt*, *cep*,*cept* | box, to take, contain, seize | capture, receipt, capacious |
| *capit*, *capt*, *cipit* | head, chief | capital, precipitate, chapter, capitulate |
| *carn* | flesh | carnal, incarnate, carnivore |
| *caus*, *cuse* | to cause | causal, excuse, accuse |
| *ced*, *cede*, *ceed*,*cess* | to yield, to go | cede, accessible, necessary |
| *cern*, *cert*, *cret*,*crim* | to separate, to distinguish | discern, uncertain |
| *chrom*, *chromat* | color | chromatic, polychromatic |
| *chron* | time | synchronous, chronicle |
| *cid*, *cide* | to kill | regicide, suicide, genocide |
| *cis*, *cise* | to cut | excise, scissors |
| *cog*, *cogit* | to think | cognitive, cogent |
| *coll* | glue, to stick together | colloquy, collage |
| *corp*, *cors* | body | corporeal, corpulent |
| *cosm* | universe, order | cosmic, cosmopolitan |
| *creant*, *cred*,*creed* | to believe, to trust | credence, credit, incredible |
| *cruc*, *crus* | cross, significant | crux, crusade, crucial |
| *de*, *div* | concerning God or deities | divine, deity |
| *dic*, *dict*, *diction* | to say, speech, word | dictate, indicate, edict, benediction |
| *doc*, *doct*, *dog*,*dox* | to teach, learning | doctrine, dogma, orthodox |
| *dom* | house, master | domestic, dominate |
| *equ*, *qui* | equal, even | equate, adequate, equinox |
| *esthe*, *esthesia* | to feel, sensation | anesthesia, esthetics |
| *fid*, *fidel* | faith, trust | fidelity, confidence, infidel |
| *fin*, *finite* | end, purpose | infinite, definite |
| *flu*, *fluor*, *flux*,*fluv* | to flow | affluence, fluid, superfluous |
| *for*, *fort* | strong | fortress, enforce, comfort |
| *fract*, *frag*,*frang*, *fring* | to shatter | fracture, fragment, fragile, refract |
| *gen*, *gon* | birth, race, kind | genetic, gonad, congenital, gender |
| *ger*, *gest* | to carry, to produce | gestate, gesture, digest |
| *grad*, *grade*,*gress* | to step, a degree or grade | gradual, degree, progress |
| *gram*, *graph* | a written record, to write | telegram, autograph |
| *grat* | pleasing, thankful | gratitude, congratulate, ingratiate |
| *greg* | society, group | aggregate, gregarious |
| *gynec*, *gyn*,*gynist* | female | gynecologist, misogyny |
| *hier*, *hieratic* | holy, sacred | hierarchy, hieroglyphic |
| *hol* | whole | holistic, hologram |
| *hydr*, *hydro* | water, liquid | hydraulics, hydrant |
| *ideo* | idea, philosophy | ideology, idol, ideal |
| *idi*, *idio* | personal, private | idiosyncratic, idiom |
| *iso* | equal, similar | isometric, isotope |
| *ject*, *jet* | to throw | eject, inject, jettison, projectile |
| *jud*, *jur*, *just* | right, law | jury, judgment, judicious, injury, perjury |
| *jug*, *junct* | a link, to join | juncture, conjunction, conjugate |
| *kine*, *kinesia*,*kinesis* | movement, energy | kinetic, cinema |
| *lat*, *late*, *lation* | to bear, to carry | collate, correlate, legislate, translate |
| *lect*, *leg*, *lig* | to choose, to read | legible, intelligent, dialect, collect |
| *lev*, *lieve*, *life* | to lift, light in weight | alleviate, elevator, relief |
| *lign*, *line* | line | delineate, lineage |
| *locut*, *loqu*,*loquy* | to speak, speech | locution, circumlocution, eloquent, ventriloquist |
| *log*, *logue*, *logy*,*lexico* | speech, word, study of | logic, lecture, analogy |
| *luc*, *lumin*, *lux* | light, to shine | illuminate, lucent, luminary, elucidate |
| *macro* | large | macrocosm |
| *mal* | bad | malady, malcontent, malefactor |
| *medi*, *meso*, *mid* | in the middle of | intermediate, mediocre, medium |
| *micro* | small | microscope |
| *mis* | hate | misanthrope, misogyny |
| *mor*, *mort* | death | mortal, mortician, mortify |
| *neg* | to deny | negate, neglect, renege |
| *neo* | new | neologism, neonate |
| *noct*, *nox* | night | nocturnal, equinox |
| *nom*, *num* | law | nomad, economy, astronomy |
| *od*, *odia* | smell | odor, odious |
| *opt*, *optic* | eye, vision | panopticon, optics, |
| *ov*, *ovul* | egg, egg-shaped | oval, ovulate |
| *par*, *pare* | equal | pair, parity, peer, compare |
| *part*, *patri* | father | patriot, patronage, patriarch, paternal |
| *path*, *pathic*,*pathy* | emotion, suffering | pathological, pathetic, sympathy, empathy |
| *pel*, *puls* | to drive, driven | pulse, compulsion, expel, impulse |
| *phil*, *philia* | love, fondness for | philosophy, philanthropy, philander, philology |
| *phob*, *phobo* | fear | phobia |
| *plaud*, *plaus*,*plod*, *plos* | to make a loud noise | applaud, explode |
| *plen*, *plet* | to fill, full | plentiful, plethora, replenish |
| *prim*, *prin* | first | primary, primate, premier |
| *pur*, *purg* | to clear of guilt, to get rid of something unwanted | purge, pure, expurgate, purgatory |
| *quest*, *quir*,*quisit* | to ask | request, inquest, question, acquire, conquer |
| *qui*, *quil*, *quit* | rest | quiet, quit, acquiesce, acquit |
| *rad*, *radic* | root | radical, eradicate |
| *rati*, *reas* | to think, calculate | rate, ratify, rational, reasonable |
| *rect*, *reg*, *rig* | to rule or guide, proper, straight | rectify, regal, region, regulate, rigorous |
| *rupt* | to break, to sever | rupture, abrupt, disrupt, corrupt, interrupt |
| *salu*, *salv* | safety, health | salubrious, salvage, salutary |
| *scrib*, *scribe*,*script* | to write, something written | circumscribe, ascribe, describe, inscribe, prescribe |
| *secut*, *sequ* | to follow, to ensue | sequence, consequence, execute, consecutive |
| *sen*, *senil* | old, old age | senior, senator, senescence |
| *ser*, *sor* | a series, attachment | serial, desert, assert |
| *solute*, *solv* | to release, to loosen, to free | dissolve, absolute, insoluble |
| *soph*, *sophy* | wisdom | philosophy, sophisticated |
| *spec*, *spect*, *spic* | to look, to see | aspect, specific, spectator, spectrum, specimen |
| *spir*, *spire* | to breathe, breath, spirit | aspire, expire, conspire, transpire |
| *stant*, *stat*, *stit* | to stand, to stay, to state | assistant, consistent, constant, status, stance, destiny |
| *stru*, *struct* | to build, a building or pattern | destructive, instruct, obstruct, structural |
| *tact*, *tang*, *teg*,*ting* | to touch | tactile, taste, tangible, contact, contingent |
| *temper*, *tempor*,*temp* | time, balance | temporize, temporary, contemplate, temperature |
| *ten*, *tain*, *tent*, *tin* | to hold | tenable, tenacious, tenet, contain, detain |
| *tend*, *tens* | to stretch | extend, distend, tension, tendril |
| *top*, *tope*, *topy* | place | topic, topology, utopia |
| *tract*, *treat* | to draw, to extend, to attract | extract, treatise, contract, retreat, subtract |
| *trib*, *tribe*, *trit* | to rub, to wear down | tribulation, trite, attrition |
| *trop*, *tropic*,*tropy* | to turn, a change or turn | trope, tropic, entropy |
| *troub*, *turb* | confusion, whirling | disturb, perturb, turbine, turbulence |
| *vac*, *van*, *vast*,*void* | empty, desolate | vacuum, vacant, vanity, devastate, avoid |
| *vail*, *val* | to be strong, to be worthy | valiant, valor, validate, valence |
| *ver*, *veri* | true | veracious, verdict, verify |
| *vit*, *viv* | life, to live | vital, survive, viable, vivify |
| *voc*, *vok*, *vow* | voice, to call or summon | vocalize, vociferous, avow, equivocate |
| *vol* | will, desire, wish | volition, volunteer, involuntary |
| *vor*, *vorous*,*vour* | to eat, to swallow | voracious, carnivorous |
| *xene*, *xeno*, *xeny* | foreign | xenophobe, xenogamy |
| *zoa*, *zo*, *zoo*,*zoon* | life, living | zoo, zodiac, metazoan |