

## APPENDIX D: Prefixes

| Prefix   | Meaning         | Sample Words  |
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| <b>The Most Frequent Prefixes (in 75 percent of words with prefixes)</b> |                 |   |
| <b>un-</b>   | not             | unwrap, unfreeze, undo, unable                      |
| <b>re-</b>   | again           | rewrap, rewrite, redo, reconsider, replay           |
| <b>in-/im-/il-/ir-</b>   | not             | immortal, illegible, illegal, impossible, insecure  |
| <b>dis-</b>  | opposite        | disrupt, dispel, distract, dismiss                  |
| <b>en-/em-</b>   | cause to be     | embolden, embed, encourage, empower                 |
| <b>non-</b>  | not             | nonstop, nonstick, nonfiction, nonverbal            |
| <b>in-</b>   | in              | inspect, intend, invent                             |
| <b>over-</b>   | over            | overlook, overdo, overcook, overheat                |
| <b>mis-</b>  | wrong           | mistake, misinterpret, misspell                     |
| <b>More Prefixes</b>   |                 |   |
| <b>sub-</b>  | under           | subway, subscript, submarine, subgroup              |
| <b>pre-</b>  | before          | preform, prescription, prewrite, pretest            |
| <b>inter-</b>  | between         | interstate, interjection, interference, internet    |
| <b>fore-</b>   | before          | before, foreground, foretell, foreshadow            |
| <b>de-</b>   | away from, off  | defrost, degrade, deflate, deice, decompose         |
| <b>trans-</b>  | across          | transport, transatlantic, transfer, transit         |
| <b>super-</b>  | over, big       | superimpose, superficial, superscript, superhighway |
| <b>semi-</b>   | half, past      | semicircle, semifinal, semiannual                   |
| <b>mid-</b>  | middle          | midlevel, midweek, midterm, midwife                 |
| <b>under-</b>  | under           | undergo, underplay, underpin, underwear             |
| <b>anti-</b>   | against         | anticlimax, antifreeze, antiseptic, antibacterial   |
| <b>bi-</b>   | two             | bicycle, bisect, bicep, biannual                    |
| <b>cent-</b>   | 100             | century, centennial, centimeter                     |
| <b>circum-</b>   | around, circle  | circumference, circumspect, circumflex              |
| <b>co-</b>   | with, together  | coexist, cooperate, cohort, coauthor                |
| <b>con-</b>  |                 | construct, connect, concert, condense               |
| <b>com-</b>  |                 | communicate, common, community, complete            |
| <b>ex-</b>   | without         | exclaim, exile, exhaust, extract, exceed            |
| <b>mill-</b>   | million         | millimeter, millipede, millennium                   |
| <b>multi-</b>  | many            | multitude, multiple, multiply, multimedia           |
| <b>mono-/mon-</b>  | one, only       | monarchy, monopoly, monorail, monogram              |
| <b>oct-</b>  | eight           | octagon, octagonal, October                         |
| <b>pro-</b>  | forward, before | proclaim, profile, propel, profess, produce         |
| <b>peri-</b>   | around          | period, perimeter, periphery                        |
| <b>poly-</b>   | many            | polygon, polymer, polytechnic, polyp                |
| <b>post-</b>   | after           | posterior, postpone, postgame, postscript           |
| <b>semi-</b>   | half            | semicircle, semiannual, semifinal, semicolon        |
| <b>tri-</b>  | three           | tricycle, triangle, triangular                      |
| <b>uni-</b>  | one, only       | universe, uniform, unity, unique                    |

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