



What is a Prefix?



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A prefix is a group of letters that can be added to the beginning of a word, to change its meaning.



Prefix



Meaning



Example

pre-

before

preschool

over-

too much, excessive

overexcited

re-

again

reply

mis-

wrong

mistake

dis-

not, no

dislike

un-

not

unhappy

non-

no, not

nonsense

bi-

two

bicycle

ex-

out of

export

com-

with, together

composition

in-

no, not, non

incorrect

im-

no, not, non

impatient

con-

with, together

conform

pro-

in support of, acting for

pronoun

ir-

not

irregular

il-

not

illegible

sub-

below, under

submarine

inter-

between

intergalactic

auto-

self

autograph

anti-

against

anticlockwise

super-

above, beyond

superhuman