

# Common prefixes match *Name: \_\_\_\_\_*



Why is this animal called an octopus?

*Match prefixes on the left to their meanings on the right.*

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|-------|---------------------|----------------------------------|
| _____ | Re- (renew)         | 1) wrong, bad                    |
| _____ | Pre- (preview)      | 2) before                        |
| _____ | Mis- (misbehave)    | 3) again, back                   |
| _____ | De- (deforestation) | 4) eight                         |
| _____ | Tele- (television)  | 5) one, same, whole              |
| _____ | Un- (unhappy)       | 6) remove or reduce              |
| _____ | Bi- (biweekly)      | 7) twice, (two times)            |
| _____ | Uni- (uniform)      | 8) far, distant                  |
| _____ | Octo- (octopus)     | 9) many, (usually more than two) |
| _____ | Sub- (subway)       | 10) under or low                 |
| _____ | Multi- (multiple)   | 11) not                          |

# What's the the relationship between these words?

*Prefix and word meaning*

Match the words in the B column to the general meaning in A

## **A= General Meaning**

## **B= Words**

_____	again or back	1) unpopular, unkind, unhappy, unlucky
_____	before	2) biweekly, bimonthly, biannual
_____	badly or wrong	3) delete, deforestation, decentralize, decongest
_____	Remove or take away	4) preview, predict, prehistoric, prefix, preparation
_____	Not (opposite of something)	5) reply, repeat, resend, restart, reboot, remember
_____	far	6) television, telephone, telescope, telecommunication
_____	twice	7) octopus, octave, octogenarian, October
_____	One, whole, same	8) uniform, unify,
_____	eight	9) subway, submarine, subtract, subdue, subordinates
_____	Under or low	10) mistake, misunderstand, misbehave, misread, miscalculate
_____	Many or more than two	11) multiple, multiply, multicolored, multilingual

(Note: *October* used to be the eighth month of the Roman calendar.)

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## Most Common Prefixes

Prefix	Meaning	Key Word
anti-	against	antifreeze
de-	opposite	defrost
dis-*	not, opposite of	disagree
en-, em-	cause to	encode, embrace
fore-	before	forecast
in-, im-	in	infield
in-, im-, il-, ir-*	not	injustice, impossible
inter-	between	interact
mid-	middle	midway
mis-	wrongly	misfire
non-	not	nonsense
over-	over	overlook
pre-	before	prefix
re-*	again	return
semi-	half	semicircle
sub-	under	submarine
super-	above	superstar
trans-	across	transport
un-*	not	unfriendly
under-	under	undersea

\*Most frequent. The four most frequent prefixes account for 97 percent of prefixed words in printed school English.

Here is a list of commonly used prefixes:

<b>Prefix</b>	<b>Meaning</b>	<b>Example</b>	<b>Meaning of Example</b>
<b>an–</b>	without	anarchy	without government
<b>anti–</b>	against	antibacterial	against bacteria
<b>bene–</b>	well, good	benefit	a good thing for someone
<b>bi–</b>	two	bicycle	vehicle with two wheels
<b>bio–</b>	life	biology	the study of living things
<b>co–</b>	with, together	cooperate	work together
<b>dis–</b>	not	disrespect	not respect
<b>ex–</b>	out	exit	the way to go out
<b>geo–</b>	earth	geology	the study of the earth
<b>hyper–</b>	over	hypertension	being overly tense
<b>im–</b>	not	impossible	not possible
<b>in–</b>	not	incomplete	not complete
<b>inter–</b>	between	interstate	between states
<b>micro–</b>	small	microbiology	the study of tiny living things
<b>mid–</b>	middle	midway	middle of the way, half way
<b>mono–</b>	one	monorail	a train that runs on one track
<b>post–</b>	after	post-test	a test taken after the unit
<b>pre–</b>	before	pre-test	a test taken before the unit
<b>re–</b>	do again	repeat	to do something again
<b>trans–</b>	across	transatlantic	across the Atlantic Ocean
<b>un–</b>	not	unhappy	not happy