



Decoding Vocabulary-Prefixes



Looking at word meanings

The **root word** carries the meaning

The **prefix** (at the beginning of a word) and **suffix** (at the end of a word) also carry meaning and they alter the meaning of the **root word**

discontentment

antinuclear

cyclist



sound training

Prefix	General Meaning	Examples
ante	before	antenatal, antecedent
anti	against	antifreeze
de-	opposite	defrost
dis-	not, opposite of	disagree
en-, em-	cause to	encode, embrace
fore-	before	forecast
in-, im-, il-, ir-	not	injustice, impossible
inter-	between	interact
mal/mis	bad/wrong	malnutrition, mistake
mid	middle	midway
non-	not	non-absorbent
over-	over	overlook
pre-	before	precedent, prequel
re-	again, back	reapply, return
Semi/hemi,	half	semicircle, hemisphere
sub-	below, under	substandard, subway
super-	above, over	supervisor, super
trans-	across	transatlantic, transport
un-	not/opposite	unnatural, unusual
under-	under	undersea, undercover