Unlocking the Secrets of English Vocabulary
Part 2 – Prefixes

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Small Group Quiz!
- Anti - biotic
- Super - vise
- Circum - spect
- Tele - vision
- Anti = against
- Super = over/above
- Circum = around
- Tele = distant

- tele = phone
  phone = sound
- sym = phony
  sym = together
- caco = phony
  caco = bad

- Collaborate
- Contradict
- Benediction
- Malnutrition
- Preamble
- Postscript
- Homogenous
- Heterodox
- Co = together
- Contra = against
- Ben(e) = good
- Mal = bad
- Pre = before
- Post = after
- Homo = same
- Hetero = different
DIRECTIONAL PREFIXES

\(ab/ad\)
\(circum/peri\)
\(inter/intra\)
\(dia/trans\)
- absent: away, not present
- adhere: to stick to
- circumference: distance around
- perimeter: measure around
- interpersonal: between persons
- intravenous: inside a vein
- dialogue: speech from one to another
- transport: to carry across

DIRECTIONAL PREFIXES

\(super/supra\)
\(med/mid\)
\(hypo/infra\)
- superficial: on the surface
- median: something located in the middle
- hypodermic: below the skin

DIRECTIONAL PREFIXES

\(ex/e\)
\(meta\)
\(in/em\)
- express: to push out
- employ: to fold in, to hire
- metaphysical: spiritual, beyond the physical
- eject: to throw out
- input: something added
- metacognition: understanding and control of one’s thinking
DIRECTIONAL PREFIXES

- ante-for
- for/pro-
- back/re-
- post-
- ante-pre-
- action or place
- juxta/para-/by-

**Examples:**
- **antonym:** synonym, antonym, homonym
- **illegible:** unhealthy
- **illegible:** un
- **illegible:** non
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- **anAthesis:** anAthesis
- **obstacle:** obstacle
- **oppose:** oppose
- **counteract:** counteract
- **contrary:** contrary
- **antidote:** antidote

**Examples:**
- **counter/contra:** counter/contra
- **ob/op/of:** ob/op/of
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**Examples:**
- **antithesis:** antithesis
- **counter factual:** counter factual
- **obfuscate:** obfuscate
- **contradistinction:** contradistinction
- **antiparallel:** antiparallel
- **offend:** offend

**Examples:**
- **synthesis:** synthesis
- **synergy:** synergy
- **commit:** commit
- **correlate:** correlate
- **synchronous:** synchronous
- **sympathy:** sympathy
- **collate:** collate
- **connect:** connect
- **symphony:** symphony
- **symbol:** symbol
- **confide:** confide
- **cooperate:** cooperate
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**Inconsistent Prefixes**

Example:

- in-noc-ous v. in-nate
- NOT – harm – ful v. IN – born
- re: retract (back) v. retry (again)
- ob: obnoxious (toward) v. obstacle (against)
- nov: November (nine) v. novel (new)
- non: prologue (forward) v. pro-democracy (in favor)