



English 6: Reading: Module 1: Lesson 1

Understand New Vocabulary Using Roots and Affixes

Prefixes

Instructions: Review the prefixes and their definitions in the chart below. They can help you determine the meanings of unfamiliar words. Make sure to keep this chart handy as you work through the lesson.

Prefixes and Their Meanings

Prefix	Definition	Examples
anti-	against	anticlimax
de-	opposite	devalue
dis-	not; opposite of	discover
en-, em-	cause to	enact, empower
fore-	before; front of	foreshadow, forearm
in-, im-	in	income, impulse
in-, im-, il-, ir-	not	indirect, immoral, illiterate, irreverent
inter-	between; among	interrupt
mid-	middle	midfield
mis-	wrongly	misspell
non-	not	nonviolent
over-	over; too much	overeat
pre-	before	preview
re-	again	rewrite
semi-	half; partly; not fully	semifinal
sub-	under	subway
super-	above; beyond	superhuman
trans-	across	transmit
un-	not; opposite of	unusual
under-	under; too little	underestimate