

Nouns with prefixes

A **prefix** is a group of letters that can be added to the beginning of a word to change its meaning. There are lots of prefixes you can add to nouns to create new nouns.

- **mis-** = bad / incorrect
- **dis-** = not / lack of
- **inter-** = between
- **sub-** = under / below
- **super-** / **over-** = bigger / more than usual
- **anti-** = against
- **auto-** = self / on its own
- **ex-** = not any more
- **co-** = with
- **micro-** / **mini-** = small



Get started

Look at each word's prefix. Try to write a definition for the word on your own, before using a dictionary for help. Then put the word into a sentence. One has been done for you.

1. misfortune

Answer: *Misfortune is bad fortune or bad luck. Black cats bring misfortune – to mice!*



2. supermarket
3. disorganisation
4. antifreeze
5. autopilot
6. ex-soldier
7. microchip
8. minibus

Try these

Copy and complete these sentences by adding a prefix from the box. Use a dictionary for help if you need to. One has been done for you.

anti	dis	over	sub	super	inter
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1. *The film had a really terrible ending – it was such an anti climax.*
2. What's that flying through the air? It's a _____ hero!
3. Our teacher likes us to chat about our work in big groups, so there's a lot of _____ action in the classroom.
4. The _____ appearance of my watch is a mystery I still haven't solved.
5. The road was busy so we took the _____ way under the street.
6. Hannah was completely exhausted: she was suffering from _____ work.



Now try these

Use a dictionary to find a new noun that contains each of these prefixes and use it in a sentence. One has been done for you.

1. inter-

Answer: *interview*

My brother Henri had an interview for university last week.



2. intra- 3. multi-
4. techno- 5. dis-

