

OR 1: The 30-15-10 List
The Most Common Prefixes, Roots, and Suffixes

Prefix	Meaning	Example
a, ab, abs	away, from	absent, abstinence
ad, a, ac, af, ag, an, ar, at, as	to, toward	adhere, annex, accede, adapt
bi, bis	two	bicycle, biped, bisect
circum	around	circumference
com, con	together, with	combination, connect
de	opposite, from, away	detract, defer, demerit
dis, dif, di	apart, not	disperse, different
epi	upon, on top of	epicenter
equi	equal	equality, equitable
ex, e	out, from, forth	eject, exhale, exit
hyper	over, above	hyperactive, hypersensitive
hypo	under, beneath	hypodermic
in, en	in, into, not	inject, endure, incorrect
inter	between, among	intercede
mal, male	bad, ill	malpractice, malevolent
mis	wrong	mistake, misunderstand
mono	alone, single, one	monotone, monopoly
non	not	nonsense
ob	in front of, against	obstacle
omni	everywhere, all	omnipresent
preter	past, beyond	preternatural
pro	forward	proceed, promote
re	again, back	recall, recede
retro	backward, behind, back	retroactive
se	apart	secede
sub	under	subway
super	greater, beyond	supernatural, superstition
trans	across, beyond	transcend, transcontinental
un, uni	one	unilateral, unity
un (pronounced uhn)	not	unhappy, unethical

Root	Meaning	Example
bas	low	basement
cap, capt	take, seize	capture, capable
cred	believe	credible
dict	speak	predict, dictionary
duc, duct	lead	induce, conduct
fac, fact	make, do	artifact, facsimile
graph	write	autograph, graphic
log	word, study of	dialogue, biology
mort	die, death	mortal, mortician
scrib, script	write	transcribe, subscription
spec, spect	see	specimen, aspect
tact	touch	contact, tactile
ten	hold	tenacious, retentive
therm	heat	thermostat, thermometer
ver	true	verify

Suffix	Meaning	Example
able, ible	able to (adj.)	usable
er, or	one who does (n.)	competitor
fy	to make (v.)	dignify
ism	the practice of (n.)	rationalism, Catholicism
ist	one who is occupied with (n.)	feminist, environmentalist
less	without, lacking (adj.)	meaningless
logue, log	a particular kind of speaking or writing (n.)	prologue, dialogue
ness	the quality of (n.)	aggressiveness
ship	the art or skill of (n.)	sportsmanship
tude	the state of (n.)	gratitude