

Prefix

Prefix-Meaning	Words Containing	More Words
03. bene: well		
04. chrono: time		
05. bio: life		
06. cracy: government; rule		
07. gress: to go		
08. geo: earth		
09. audi or audio: hear or sound		
10. dict or dic: speak		
11. sign: mark or seal or symbol		
12. duct or duce: to lead		
13. log or logue: word or thought or speech		
14. fer: carry		
15. amb: to go, to walk		
16. anim: life, mind, soul, spirit		
17. ante: before		
18. anthro or andr: man, human		
19. annu/enni: year		
20. cide: kill		

Clues to Word Meaning

Clue to word meanings are often found in the parts of the word: prefixes, suffixes, roots. The combination of the context clues and word-parts clues are often sufficient to determine exact meanings.

In certain academic disciplines, Latin and Greek word parts are repeatedly used. Therefore, it is often worth while for you to memorize these specific roots.

In science you will find: BIO (life), ISO (equal), MORPH (form), NEURO (nerve), VIVA (life), ASTR (star), etc.

In psychology you will find some of the above as well as MANIA (obsessive behavior), PSYCHE (mind or soul), PHOBIA (fear), GEN (born), PATH (feeling, suffering, disease), etc.

In technology you will find PHON (sound or voice), AUD (to hear), TELE (distant), GRAPH (write), CHROMA (color), LUC/LUM (light), etc.

In sociology you will find CRAC (to rule), POPLUS (people), DEMO (people), CHRON (time), etc.

In philosophy and religion you will find PHILO (love), THEO (god), CRED (to believe), GNOSIS (knowledge), FID (thrust), etc.

There are many more. Are there any in your field of interest? You'll have additional clues if you also know the following prefixes.

Prefixes

a — on, in, or toward

anti — against or opposite of

co — with or together

de — from, down, or

completely

homo — alike or same

i — not

pseudo — false or fictitious

syn-sym — with or together