

## List 28. The 20 Most Common Prefixes

This is a research-based list for those who wish to see the data. These 20 prefixes account for 97 percent of occurrences.

<b>Rank</b>	<b>Prefix</b>	<b>Meaning</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>Example</b>
1	<b>un</b>	not, opposite of	26	<i>unhappy</i>
2	<b>re</b>	again, back	14	<i>return</i>
3	<b>in, im, ir, ill</b>	not, opposite of	11	<i>indirect</i>
4	<b>dis</b>	not, opposite of	7	<i>discover</i>
5	<b>en, em</b>	cause to	4	<i>enjoy</i>
6	<b>non</b>	not, opposite of	4	<i>nonfiction</i>
7	<b>in, im</b>	in or into	4	<i>inside</i>
8	<b>over</b>	too much, above	3	<i>overgrown</i>
9	<b>mis</b>	wrongly	3	<i>mistake</i>
10	<b>sub</b>	under, lower	3	<i>submarine</i>
11	<b>pre</b>	before	3	<i>prepared</i>
12	<b>inter</b>	between, among	3	<i>international</i>
13	<b>fore</b>	before	3	<i>foresee</i>
14	<b>de</b>	opposite of, down	2	<i>descent</i>
15	<b>trans</b>	across	2	<i>transport</i>
16	<b>super</b>	above, beyond	1	<i>supermarket</i>
17	<b>semi</b>	half	1	<i>semicircle</i>
18	<b>anti</b>	against	1	<i>antiwar</i>
19	<b>mid</b>	middle	1	<i>midsemester</i>
20	<b>under</b>	too little, below	1	<i>underfed</i>