

Prefixes - Did you know that just 20 prefixes account for 97% of all words with prefixes found in English schoolbooks, and 9 of these account for 75% of all prefixed words? Below are the most common ones:

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Prefix</u>	<u>%-age of all prefixed words</u>
1	un- (not)	26
2	re- (again)	14
3	in-, im-, il-, ir- (not)	11
4	dis- (not)	7
5	en-, em- (put into)	4
6	non-, (not)	4
7	in, im- (in)	3
8	over- (excessive)	3
9	mis- (bad)	3
10	sub- (below)	3
11	pre- (before)	3
12	inter- (between)	3
13	fore- (earlier)	3
14	de- (reverse)	2
15	trans-(across)	2
16	super- (above)	1
17	semi- (half)	1
18	anti- (opposite)	1
19	mid- (middle)	1
20	under- (too little)	1

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