

Prefixes:

- **ante-** (before): *antemano* (beforehand), *anteayer* (day before yesterday), *antebrazo* (forearm), *anteponer* (to put something before something else)
- **anti-** (against): *anticuerpo* (antibody), *antimateria* (antimatter), *anticoncepción* (contraception)
- **auto-** (self): *autodisciplina* (self-discipline), *autogestión* (self-management), *automóvil* (automobile)
- **bi-, bis-, biz-** (two): *bicicleta* (bicycle), *bilingüe* (bilingual), *bisemenal* (twice a week)
- **cent-** (hundred): *centímetro* (centimeter), *centenar* (group of 100)
- **contra-** (against): *contraataque* (counterattack), *contrapeso* (counterweight), *ir contrareloj* (to work against the clock)
- **con-** (with): *convivir* (to live together), *conjuntar* (to coordinate), *complot* (conspiracy)
- **des-** (undo, diminish): *desplegar* (to unfold), *desdecirse* (to go back on one's word), *descubrir* (to discover or uncover)
- **entre-**, (between, among): *entremeter* (to place among), *entrecruzar* (to interweave), *entreabierto* (half-open)
- **ex-** (former, outside): *excombatiente* (military veteran), *exportar* (to export), *exprimir* (to squeeze or squeeze out)
- **homo-** (same): *homónimo* (homonym), *homólogo* (equivalent), *homogeneizar* (to homogenize)
- **im-, in-** (opposite): *incapaz* (incapable), *inaudible* (inaudible), *inconformista* (nonconformist)
- **inter-** (between, among): *interacción* (interaction), *interrumpir* (to interrupt), *interponer* (to interpose)
- **mal-** (bad): *maltratar* (to abuse or mistreat), *malpensado* (malicious), *malvivir* (to live badly)
- **mono-** (one): *monótono* (monotonous), *monopolio* (monopoly), *monocarril* (monorail)
- **para-** (together, with, for): *paramédico* (paramedic), *paraguas* (umbrella), *parachoques* (vehicle bumper)
- **poli-** (many): *poligloto* (multilingual person), *politeísta* (polytheistic), *poligamia* (polygamy)
- **pre-** (before): *prefijo* (prefix), *predestinación* (predestination), *prehistoria* (prehistory)
- **pro-** (in favor of): *proponer* (to propose), *pronombre* (pronoun), *prometer* (to promise)
- **re-** (again, with intensity): *repaso* (review), *renacer* (to be reborn), *renegar* (to strongly deny)
- **semi-** (medium, half): *semidifunto* (half-dead), *semifinalista* (semifinalist), *semicírculo* (semicircle)
- **seudo-** (false): *seudónimo* (pseudonym), *seudociencia* (pseudoscience)
- **sobre-** (excessive, extraordinary): *sobrevivir* (to survive), *sobredosis* (overdose), *sobrecargar* (to overload)
- **sub-** (under): *subsuelo* (subsoil), *subyacer* (to underlie), *subsector* (subsection)
- **super-** (superior): *supermercado* (supermarket), *superhombre* (superman), *supercarburante* (high-grade fuel)
- **tele-** (at a distance): *teléfono* (telephone), *telecontrol* (remote control), *telescopio* (telescope)
- **uni-** (one): *unificación* (unification), *unilateral* (one-sided), *unisexo* (unisex)

Suffixes:

- **-ada** — similar to English suffix "-ful" or "-load" — *cucharada*, spoonful (from *cuchara*, spoon)
- **-ado, -ido** — can indicate similarity to root word — *dolorido*, painful
- **-al** — indicates a tree or grove — *manzanal*, apple tree
- **-anza** — makes noun forms of some verbs — *enseñanza*, education
- **-ario** — indicates profession or place — *bibliotecario*, librarian
- **-azo** — a blow of the object of the root word — *estacazo*, a hit with a stick (from *estaca*, stake)
- **-dero** — indicates instrument, means, or capacity — *lavadero*, laundry (from *lavar*, to clean)
- **-dor** — indicates agent or place; sometimes similar to "-er" — *jugador*, player; *comedor*, diner
- **-dura** — indicates the effect of an action — *picadura*, puncture (from *picar*, to pick)
- **-ear** — common verb ending, often used with coined words — *emailear*, to email
- **-ense** — indicates place of origin — *estadounidense*, of or from the United States, American
- **-ería** — place where items are made or sold — *zapatería*, shoe store
- **-ero** — variety of meanings relating to root word — *sombrero*, hat (from *sombra*, shade); *vaquero*, cowboy (from *vaca*, cow)
- **-és** — indicates place of origin — *holandés*, Dutch
- **-eza** — makes abstract nouns from adjectives — *pureza*, purity