

ACADEMIC PREFIXES: NOUNS

Vocabulary – Word Building

The most common prefixes used to form new nouns in academic English are: *co-* and *sub-*

Prefix	Meaning	Examples
<i>anti-</i>	against	anticlimax, antidote, antithesis
<i>auto-</i>	self	autobiography, automobile
<i>bi-</i>	two	bilingualism, biculturalism, bi-metalism
<i>co-</i>	joint	co-founder, co-owner, co-descendant
<i>counter-</i>	against	counter-argument, counter-example, counter-proposal
<i>dis-</i>	the converse of	discomfort, dislike
<i>ex-</i>	former	ex-chairman, ex-hunter
<i>hyper-</i>	extreme	hyperinflation, hypersurface
<i>in-</i>	the converse of	inattention, incoherence, incompatibility
<i>in-</i>	inside	inpatient,
<i>inter-</i>	between	interaction, inter-change, interference
<i>kilo-</i>	thousand	kilobyte
<i>mal-</i>	bad	malfunction, maltreatment, malnutrition
<i>mega-</i>	million	megabyte
<i>mis-</i>	wrong	misconduct, misdeed, mismanagement
<i>mini-</i>	small	mini-publication, mini-theory
<i>mono-</i>	one	monosyllable, monograph, monogamy
<i>neo-</i>	new	neo-colonialism, neo-impressionism
<i>out-</i>	separate	outbuilding,
<i>poly-</i>	many	polysyllable
<i>pseudo-</i>	false	pseudo-expert
<i>re-</i>	again	re-organisation, re-assessment, re-examination
<i>semi-</i>	half	semicircle, semi-darkness
<i>sub-</i>	below	subset, subdivision
<i>super-</i>	more than, above	superset, superimposition, superpowers
<i>sur-</i>	over and above	surtax
<i>tele-</i>	distant	telecommunications,
<i>tri-</i>	three	tripartism
<i>ultra-</i>	beyond	ultrasound

<i>under-</i>	below, too little	underpayment, under-development, undergraduate
<i>vice-</i>	deputy	vice-president

Read the following text and underline the prefixes:

Muffin is my favourite dog. Muffin wanted to go outside for a walk as he usually does biweekly. Muffin barked and jumped up and down, when he is anxious he semi blinks. Dad misunderstood, didn't understand what Muffin wanted. Probably Muffin thought it was impossible to go outside so Muffin dragged, or pulled, his leash into the living room, where Dad sat. Dad wanted to watch the pregame show, the show that started before the game began, but he knew Muffin wanted to go outside for a walk. Dad decided to record the game so they could take a long walk, and then Dad watched the game.

Answer the questions about Muffin

What is Muffin?

What did Dad misunderstand?

What did Muffin want?

What did Dad miss?



What did Dad and Muffin do together?
