



Common French Prefixes

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Prefix	Meaning	Example Word	Example Meaning
re-	again, back	recommencer	start again
dé-	undo, remove	défaire	undo
dés-	undo (before s)	désagréable	unpleasant
pré-	before, pre-	prévoir	predict
anti-	against	antivirus	antivirus
co-	together	coexister	coexist
ex-	former, out	ex-président	former president
in-	not, in	invisible	invisible
im-	not (before m/p)	impossible	impossible
il-	not (before l)	illégal	illegal
ir-	not (before r)	irréel	unreal
sur-	over, on	survivre	survive
sous-	under	sous-estimer	underestimate
inter-	between	international	international
trans-	across	transport	transport
post-	after	poste	post office
mal-	badly	malheureux	unhappy
mi-	half	midi	noon
auto-	self	automatique	automatic
bi-	two	bilingue	bilingual
tri-	three	trimestre	quarter
multi-	many	multiculturel	multicultural
micro-	small	microscope	microscope
macro-	large	macroéconomie	macroeconomics
extra-	outside, extra	extraordinaire	extraordinary
ultra-	beyond, ultra	ultramoderne	ultramodern
super-	above, super	supermarché	supermarket
hyper-	over, hyper	hyperactif	hyperactive
para-	beside, para	parallèle	parallel
proto-	first	prototype	prototype
néo-	new	néologisme	neologism
arché-	ancient	archéologie	archaeology
éco-	ecology, house	écologie	ecology
équi-	equal	équilibre	balance

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hétéro-	different	hétérogène	heterogeneous
homo-	same	homogène	homogeneous
mono-	one	monologue	monologue
poly-	many	polyglotte	polyglot
pseudo-	FALSE	pseudonyme	pseudonym
télé-	far	téléphone	telephone
vidéo-	video	vidéoconférence	videoconference
audio-	audio	audiovisuel	audiovisual
photo-	light	photographie	photography
chrono-	time	chronologie	chronology
géo-	earth	géographie	geography