

The meaning of a word can be changed by adding letters to the beginning of the main word. **PRE** is a prefix. It comes from Latin meaning *before*.

He observed his comrades by means of his binoculars.



Sue lives in Australia. I communicate with her regularly by email.

The train derailed.

His story is rather incredible.

I proposed to start early.

On a slot machine: Insert 50 cents.

He has suffered misfortune all his life.

I can't see any obstacles in your way.

Until we reach the point of no return.

Window panes should be transparent.

John likes to keep himself in the foreground.

The politician told a lie. Now he is in disgrace.

Probably we'll have to postpone our meeting.

He spent more money than his income allowed.

The telephone is ringing, but nobody ever answers it.

Many places of public interest have a visitor's book.

Subsonic means a speed less than that of sound.

rail: Geleise
propose: vorschlagen
slot machine: Automat
pane: Scheibe
disgrace: Ungnade
postpone: verschieben
interrupt: unterbrechen
unemployment: Arbeitslosigkeit



What you say today is in contradiction what you said yesterday.

The country was in complete disorder after the revolution, anarchy reigned.

The car's engine made a loud noise. The exhaust pipe was broken.

Don't interrupt the speaker; ask your questions afterwards.

This school always sends well-prepared students to the examination.

There is less unemployment now than it was six months ago.

soon, here, well, quickly: These words are adverbs.

AM (ante meridiem) means „before noon“ (von Mitternacht bis Mittag)
PM (post meridiem) means „after noon“ (von Mittag bis Mitternacht)

| PREFIXES | MEANINGS | EXAMPLES | GERMAN | FURTHER EXAMPLES |
|---------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------|
| a-, ab-, abs-, an- | from, away, not | <i>absent</i> | <i>abwesend</i> | |
| ad-, ac-, ar- | to | <i>advise</i> | <i>Rat</i> | |
| bi-, bis- | two, twice | <i>bicycle</i> | <i>Fahrrad</i> | <i>binoculars (Feldstecher)</i> |
| com- | with, together | <i>compare</i> | <i>vergleichen</i> | |
| contra- | against | <i>contrary</i> | <i>Gegenteil</i> | |
| de- | down | <i>demolition</i> | <i>Abbruch</i> | |
| dis-, dif- | not | <i>disagree</i> | <i>streiten</i> | |
| ex- | out, of | <i>exit</i> | <i>Ausgang</i> | |
| fore- | before | <i>foreword</i> | <i>Vorwort</i> | |
| im-, in- | into | <i>import</i> | <i>importieren</i> | |
| in-, im- | not | <i>impossible</i> | <i>unmöglich</i> | |
| inter- | between | <i>interval</i> | <i>Pause</i> | |
| mis- | wrong | <i>mistake</i> | <i>Fehler</i> | |
| ob- | against | <i>object</i> | <i>einwenden</i> | |
| post- | after | <i>PM</i> | <i>nachmittags</i> | |
| pre- | before | <i>prefix</i> | <i>Vorsilbe</i> | |
| pro- | for, forth | <i>profit</i> | <i>Gewinn</i> | |
| re- | back, again | <i>repeat</i> | <i>wiederholen</i> | |
| sub- | under, below | <i>submarine</i> | <i>U-Boot</i> | |
| tele - | distance | <i>telegraph</i> | <i>Telegraf</i> | |
| trans- | across | <i>transport</i> | <i>Transport</i> | |
| un- | not | <i>unusual</i> | <i>ungewöhnlich</i> | |
| vis- | see | <i>visible</i> | <i>sichtbar</i> | |