

Prepositions used to form compound words

Latin Preposition		
Latin word	Meaning	Compound Form
ā, ab	from	ab-
ad	up to, near	ad-, ac-, ar-, al-
ante	before	ante-
cum	with, together	con-, coll-
dē	down from, about	de-
ē, ex	out of	ex, e-, ec-
in	in, into	in-, ill-
inter	between	inter-, intell-
juxtā	near, close to	juxtā
ob	towards	ob-, occ-
prae	before	prae-(pre-)
re	again	re-, red-
se	away from	sē-
prō	in front of, on behalf of	prō-
post	after, behind	post-
sub	under	sub-, sus-, succ-
super	above, on top of	super-
trāns	across	trāns-

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Some examples of compound words

The boundary between the prefix and verb is sometimes unclear to English speakers unfamiliar with [linguistics](#) and [Latin](#). For example, for a long time, "descend" (*de-* + *scend*) was thought to be made of *des-* and *cend*, hence it was also spelled *dis-* and *dys-*.

Due to [assimilation](#), the roots of some of the English verbs listed here are difficult to recognize. For example, *ad-* + *ludo* ("play") results in *allude* rather than **adlude*. On the other hand, once a learner knows the rule they are less likely to make spelling mistakes: that the word *aggressive* is spelt with *gg* is due to the fact that it derives from *ad* + *gredior*, with *-dg-*, as it is more difficult to pronounce, having been turned into the easier *-gg-* (so that **agressive* must be considered wrong).

	fero	mitto	pono	premo	scribo	volvo
a(b)-	ablative	---	---	---	---	---
ad-	---	admit admission	---	---	ascribe	---
con-	confer conference collation	commit commission	compose composition	compress compression	conscribe conscription	convoluted convolution
de-	defer deference	---	deponent depose deposition	depress depression	describe description	devolve devolution
e(x)-	---	emit emission	exponent expose exposition	express expression	---	evolve evolution
in-	infer inference	---	impose	impress impression	inscribe inscription	involve involvement
inter-	interfere interference	intermittent	interpose	---	---	---
iuxta-	---	---	juxtapose juxtaposition	---	---	---
ob-	offer	omit omission	oppose opposition	oppress oppression	---	---
prae-	prefer preference	---	preposition	---	prescribe prescription	---
pro-	---	---	propenent propose proposal	---	proscribe proscription	---
re-	refer relate	remit remission	repose	repress repression	---	revolve revolver , revolution
se-	---	---	---	---	---	---
sub-	suffer	submit submission	suppose supposition	suppress suppression	subscribe subscription	---
trans-	transfer translate	transmit transmission	transpose transposition	---	transcribe transcription	---