

Word roots, suffixes and prefixes

A suffix is found at the end of a word to change its meaning or grammatical sense.

A prefix is found at the beginning of a word to change its meaning.

Task 1

Sort the words below into different groups. Consider what prefixes and suffixes the words have in common. E.g. zoology and archaeology would go together.

bicycle	Aquarius	aeronautics	superpower
microcosm	audition	portable	transport
prime	autograph	agoraphobia	zoology
telecom	photograph	reply	preview
prevent	reconsider	telegraph	telephone
archaeology	primary	audible	arachnophobia
aeroplane	supernova	microfilm	import
transfer	automobile	binoculars	autograph

Task 2

Have a go at matching the suffixes and prefixes to their meaning.

aqua
aero
super
micro
audi
port
trans
prim
auto
phobia
ology
tele
graph
re
pre

hear
far off
fear
before
water
again
air
to write
small
self
greater
study
carry
across
first

Task 3

Choose six of words mentioned in task 1, that are new to you, find out what they mean and then use them in a sentence.

Bonus task

Can you think of any words using the suffixes and prefixes mentioned in Task 2.