

Middle School Word Knowledge

Prefix		Suffix		Root Words	
ad-	to; motion; toward; addition to	-ance -ence	action; process; act; state of being	geo	earth
anti-	against; opposite; reverse			astr stell	star
auto-	self	-able -ible	able; can do	auto	self
bene-	good			bio	life
bi- du-	two	-al -ial	of; like; relating to; suitable for	carn	flesh
circum-	around	-ant	a person who	ced ceed	go; yield
co- con-	together; with	-ant	inclined to; tending to	chrom	color
com-	together; with	-ary	of; like; relating to	chrono	time
de-	opposite of; undo; away from; down	-ate	to become; characteristic of	temp	to cut off, to kill
		-cle -icle	small	cid, cis, cide	
dis-	apart; away; not; exclude; do the opposite; absence of	-dom	state or quality of	corp	body
		-en	made of; make	cosm	world; universe; order
en- em	cause to be; so as to cover; put into or onto	-ent	doing; having; showing; causing a specified action	cred	believe
ex-	out; out of; away from; from; previous	-er/-or	one who; person who	dent	tooth
		-ee	person who	derm	skin
fore-	before in time	-ful	full of	dict	speak; say; declare
hyper	beyond; more than; more than normal	-ian -an	related to; one that is	fin	end; limit
in- im- il- ir-	not; without	-ic	like; nature of; characteristic of	form	shape
				fort	strong
inter-	among, between	-ify	to make; to cause to be	graph	write; draw; record
micro-	small	-ion	act, condition, or result of	gress	move; step; walk
		-ish	having the qualities or characteristics of	ject	throw; cast
mid-	middle	-ism	act, practice, or result of; example	mal	ill; bad
mis-	wrong; bad; no; not	-ist	one who practices or is devoted to	man	hand
mono-	one			mar	sea
non-	not; opposite of	-ity	state or quality	meter	measure
over-	excessive; completely; above; over; outer	-ty		micro	small
per-	through; intensive	-ive	inclined or relating to; of; tending to	mitt	send; throw
				op	to; toward; to; on; over; against
poly-	many	-ize	make; cause to be; subject to	oper	work
pre-	before; forward; in favor of	-less	without	ped pod	feet
pro-	of/before; in front of; supporting			phon	sound; voice
re-	again; back	-let	small	photo	light
retro-	backward	-logy	study or theory of	rupt	to break, burst
semi-	half; partly	-ly	in some way (like in foolishly)	scope	see; to see; watch
sub-	under; below; lower than/ inferior to			sign	sign; mark
sur- super-	over; above; up	-ly	every (like in weekly)	spec/t	look
		-ment	act of; state of	spir	breath
sym-	same	-ness	state of/ quality of	struct	build
trans-	across; over	-ous	full of; having; characterized by	tele	far; at a distance
tri	three			terr	earth; land; ground
ultra-	beyond; extremely	-ship	state or quality of being	therm	heat; warm
ultra-	beyond	-tude	state or quality of being	tract	draw; pull
un-	not; opposite of; lacking	-ward	in the direction of	vent	come
under-	beneath; below	-y	full of; characterized by	vis	to see, look, appear
uni-	one				