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Can I create nouns using
prefixes?

Super-, auto-, anti-

What Is a Prefix?

A prefix is a set of letters that are added to the beginning of a word to make a new word.

super-



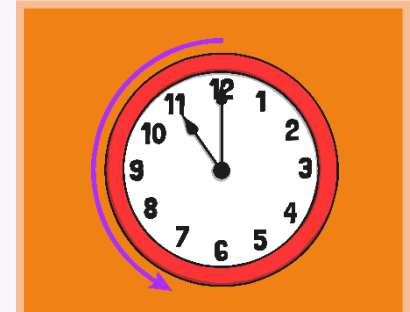
super + market =
supermarket

auto-



auto + graph =
autograph

anti-



anti + clockwise =
anticlockwise

Click on each prefix above to find out more.

The Prefix **super-**

Below are some examples of words that use the prefix **super-**. Using their definitions, can you figure out what the prefix **super-** must mean?

supernatural



Something that has greater than normal natural powers.

superhero



Cartoon characters who have extraordinary powers.

supernova



A star that suddenly increases greatly in brightness because of a large explosion.

From these examples, we can see that the prefix **super-** means **greater, more than** or **above**.

Can you think of any other examples of words that use the prefix **super-**?

The Prefix **auto-**

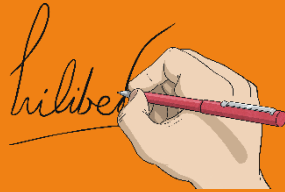
Below are some examples of words that use the prefix **auto-**. Using their definitions, can you figure out what the prefix **auto-** must mean?

automatic



Something that works by itself with little or no direct human control.

autograph



Something which is written by the author themselves.

autobiography



The history of a person which is written by the person themselves.

From these examples, we can see that the prefix **auto-** means **self** or **own**.

Can you think of any other examples of words that use the prefix **auto-**?

The Prefix **anti-**

Below are some examples of words that use the prefix **anti-**. Using their definitions, can you figure out what the prefix **anti-** must mean?

antifreeze



A liquid which can be added to water to lower the freezing point and work against it freezing.

antibiotic



A medicine that works against disease or illness.

antiseptic



Preventing the growth of disease-carrying bacteria.

From these examples, we can see that the prefix **anti-** means **against**.

Can you think of any other examples of words that use the prefix **anti-**?

The Human Dictionary Challenge

Now that you know the meaning of these prefixes, can you use your knowledge to figure out what the following words must mean?

superhuman

He had superhuman strength.



Superhuman means having exceptional ability or powers; more than any normal human would have.

autopilot

The captain turned on the autopilot.



Autopilot is a device which keeps an aeroplane flying the right way, without the pilot controlling it.

antisocial

Being rude to people is very antisocial.



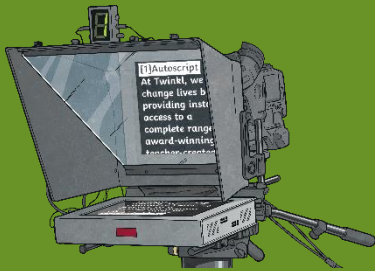
Antisocial means something which most people don't like and won't want to spend time with you because of.

The Human Dictionary Challenge Part 2

This time, you've been given the meaning of a word. Using its meaning, can you figure out which prefix the word must start with?

_____cue

He read off the _____cue.



An _____cue is a device that projects words onto a screen so that people can read them whilst being filmed.

_____dote

They needed the _____dote to the snake's venom.



An _____dote is a medicine taken to stop and reverse the effects of a poison.

_____sonic

Concorde was the first _____sonic passenger plane.



If something is _____sonic, it travels at a speed which is greater than the speed of sound.

Task - Spin the Wheel

Spin the wheel to select a word.



Spin

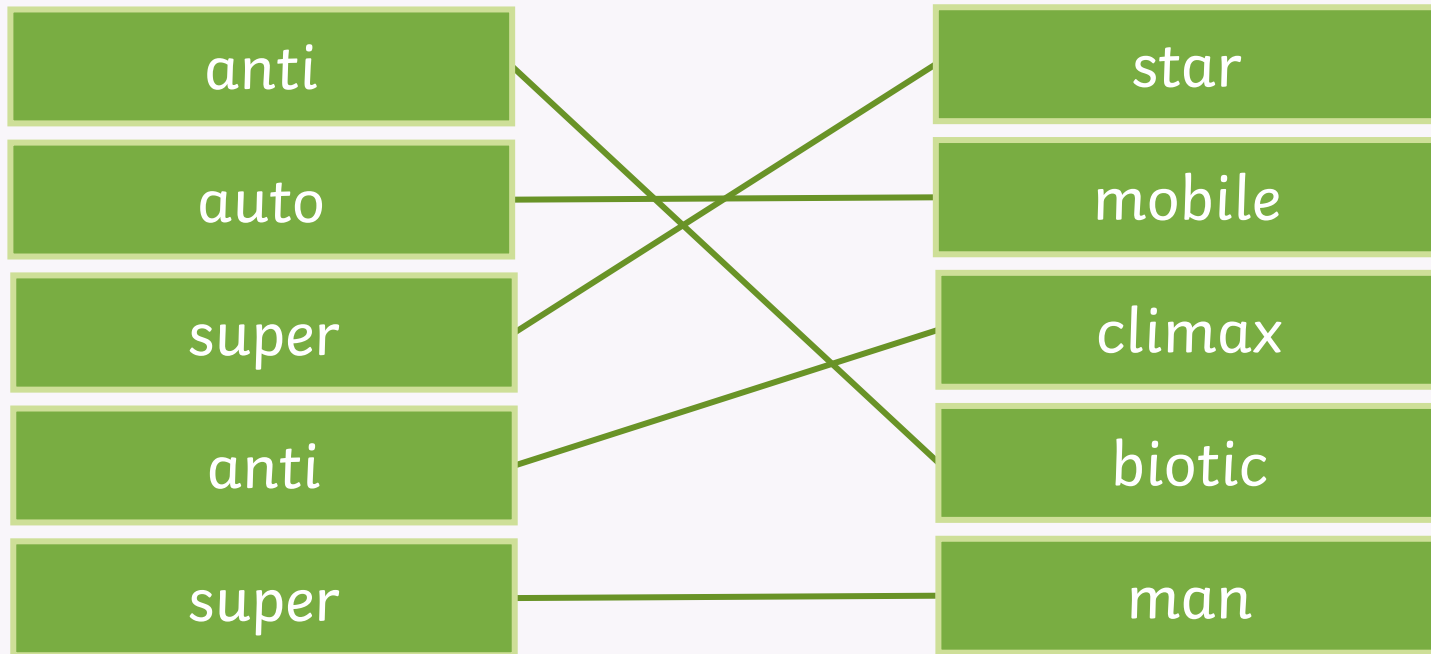
Which **prefix** would you use before this word to create a new noun?



- On your sheet, write the correct prefix before the word to create a new noun.
- Can you figure out what the word must mean?
- Can you use it in a sentence?

Match the Prefix

Match the prefix to a root word to create a new noun.
These must make a real word to make a pair.



Are there any of these words which you are unsure of the meaning of? Look them up in a dictionary.

What do we know about the prefixes **super-**, **auto-** and **anti-**?

We use **super-** if the word means **greater**, **more than** or **above**.

We use **auto-** if the word means **self** or **own**.

We use **anti-** if the word means **against** or **the opposite of**.

When I asked **Superman** for his **autograph**, it was an **anticlimax**.

super-, auto- or anti- Quick Quiz

Take a quiz to see if you are an expert!

Which is correct?



supermarket

automarket

antimarket

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superpilot

autopilot

antipilot

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superstar

autostar

antistar

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superbiotic

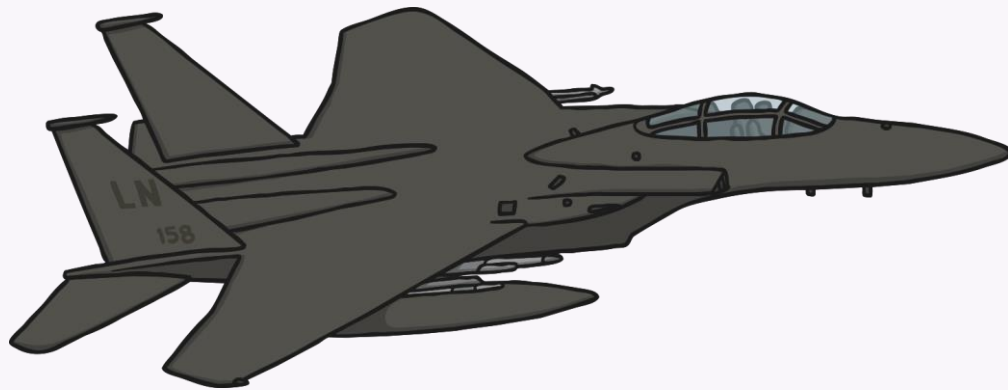
autobiotic

antibiotic

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supersonic

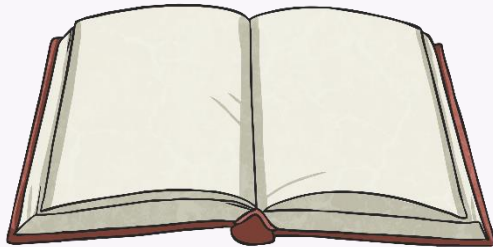
autosonic

antisonic

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superbiography

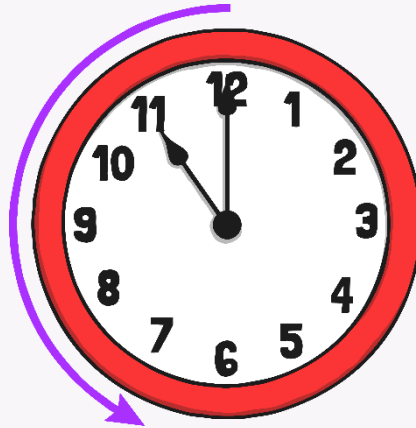
autobiography

antibiography

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Which is correct?



superclockwise

autoclockwise

anticlockwise