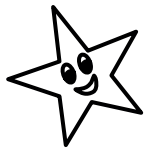




# Prefix Origins “anti-” meaning “opposite of”



The prefix “anti-” can be added to a base word to change the meaning to “opposite of” “opposed to”. The prefix originates in the word “anti” in both Latin and Greek which means “against, opposite, instead of”. The use of the prefix “anti” has not been common until modern times.



## Dictionary Activity:

Many words with the prefix “anti” are modern scientific or political terms.

For example, An “anti-inflammatory” drug is a type of medicine that acts to reduce inflammation in the body. It “opposes” or “acts against” inflammation.

Add the prefix “anti” and write the dictionary meaning for each word:

- \_\_\_\_\_ clockwise \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ oxidant \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ gravity \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ histamine \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ bacterial \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ freeze \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ war \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ social \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ biotic \_\_\_\_\_

Write the “anti” words in alphabetical order and write the number of syllables:

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_ ( )    2) \_\_\_\_\_ ( )    3) \_\_\_\_\_ ( )
- 4) \_\_\_\_\_ ( )    5) \_\_\_\_\_ ( )    6) \_\_\_\_\_ ( )
- 7) \_\_\_\_\_ ( )    8) \_\_\_\_\_ ( )    9) \_\_\_\_\_ ( )



In the past it was common practice to use a hyphen after the prefix “anti-”.

However, the use of hyphens with prefixes is slowly being phased out. Many words no longer need a hyphen.

It is always best to consult the dictionary if you are unsure.