

Esperanto Prefixes and Suffixes

Prefixes

bo—	relative by marriage, in-law	bopatrino, mother-in-law; bofrato, brother-in-law
dis—	separation, dispersal, dis-	disĵeti, to scatter about; dissemi, disseminate; disdoni, dispense, distribute; dissendi, broadcast
ek—	commencement, suddenness	ekdormi, to fall asleep; ekbruli, to catch fire; ekflami, burst into flames; ekiri, to set off
eks—	former, ex-	eksreĝo, ex-king; eksprezidento, ex-president; eksiĝi, leave office, resign, retire
fi—	filthy, disgusting, pornographic	fimensa, dirty-minded
ge—	both sexes together	gepatroj, parents; gefratoj, brother(s) and sister(s); geknaboj, boy(s) and girl(s); geonkloj, uncle(s) and aunt(s)
mal—	direct opposite, in-	malgranda, little; malbela, ugly; malbona, bad; malaperi, to disappear; malami, to hate
mis—	wrong, mis-	miskompreni, to misunderstand
pra—	primordiality, remoteness of relationship	praarbaro, primitive forest; prahistorio, history of the distant past; pravorto, primitive word; pranevino, grand-niece; praonklino, great aunt
re—	return, repetition, re-	revidi, re-see (see again); rekanti, re-sing; relegi, to re-read; redoni, return, restore

Suffixes

—aĉ—	disparagement, contempt, dislike, wretched, vile, awful	domaĉo, hovel; hundaĉo, cur; infanaĉo, brat; skribaĉi, scrawl; aĉa, poor, “rotten”, awful
—ad—	(adds the idea of action) action, particularly prolonged, repeated, or habitual	naĝado, swimming; paĝado, shooting; sangado, bleeding; batado, beating; kuirado, cooking; kantado, singing; parolado, speech; lavado, washing
—aĵ—	denotes concrete idea	novaĵo, news; pakaĵo, package; glaciaĵo, ice cream; aĉetaĵo, purchase; konstruaĵo, building
—an—	member (of a group), inhabitant (of a country)	klubano, member of club; Akademiano, member of Academy; vilaĝano, villager; Kristano, Christian; ŝipano, mariner, sailor; Afrikano, African
—ar—	collection (group, set) of (several or all) units of the same kind	arbaro, forest; vortaro, dictionary; ŝiparo, fleet; meblaro, furniture; ŝafaro, flock (of sheep); homaro, humanity, human race; kamparo, countryside
—abl—	denotes possibility, -able, -ible	aŭdebla, audible; videbla, visible; portebbla, portable; legebla, legible; lernebla, easy-to-learn
—ec—	denotes quality or state (in abstract form), -ship, -ness	amikeco, friendship; blankeco, whiteness; boneca, goodness; vereco, truthfulness; feliĉeco, happiness; grateco, brotherliness; fraŭleco, bachelorhood
—eg—	great in size or degree	grandega, enormous, immense; domego, mansion; virego, giant; amegi, love passionately; malamegi, detest, abhor; ungego, talon, claw; malsanega, at death’s door
—ej—	place (with verb root) where an action occurs	lernejo, school; naĝejo, swimming pool; hundejo, doghouse; banejo, bathroom; dormejo, bedroom; kafejo, coffee-house; gastejo, guest-house; ludejo, playground; koncertejo, concert hall; preĝejo, church

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—em—	denotes an inclination, bent, bias, proclivity, leaning, -full	parolema, talkative; ludema, playful; timema, fearful; mortema, mortal; pardonema, merciful
—end—	which-must-be-done	solvenda problemo, problem which must be solved; farena laboro, work that must be done; legenda, must be read; lavenda, must be washed
—er—	denotes element or unit of homogeneous whole	monero, coin; pluvero, rain drop; panero, crumb; ĉenero, link; herbero, blade of grass; semero, seed of grain; neĝero, snowflake; akvero, drop of water
—estr—	leader, head, “boss”, ruler, commander, chief	hotelestro, hotel manager; estraro, leadership (governing body); ŝipestro, captain; familiestro, head of the family; imperiestro, emperor; staciestro, station master
—et—	diminutive; weakens the idea of the root to a high degree	dometo, cottage; dormeti, to doze, nap; vojeto, path; ruldometo, trailer (camper); ŝipeto, boat; ŝtoneto, pebble; rideti, to smile; blueta, bluish
—id—	offspring of living creatures	hundido, puppy; katido, kitten; arbido, seedling; bovido, calf; ŝafido, lamb; musido, baby mouse; reĝido, prince; Israelido, Israelite
—ig—	make, <u>cause to be</u> , render, -ify	blankigi, bleach, whiten; akridi, to sharpen; klarigi, clarify, explain; purigi, to clean; nuligi, to nullify, cancel, void; boligi, to (cause to) boil
—iĝ—	<u>become</u> , come to be, get, grow, turn	malsekiĝi, to become wet; malpuriĝi, to become dirty; paliĝi, to grow pale; amikiĝi, to become friends; aniĝi, to join (a club, society); naskiĝi, to be born
—il—	object used to perform an action, appliance, tool, implement, instrument	skribili, anything used for writing; hakilo, axe; ludilo, toy; fotilo, camera; tranĉilo, knife; muzikilo, musical instrument; kudrilo, needle
—in—	denotes female, feminine	patrino, mother; onklino, aunt; fratino, sister; bovino, cow; porkino, sow; edzino, wife; skoltino, girl scout; ĉevalino, mare; amikino, female friend
—ind—	worthy of, deserving of	fidinda, trustworthy; admirinda, admirable; lerninda, worth learning; leginda, worth reading; aminda, lovable; laŭdinda, praiseworthy; memorinda, memorable
—ing—	holder for one object (sheath, socket, stand)	kandelingo, candlestick; glavingo, scabbard; ovingo, egg cup; plumingo, pen holder; rozingo, bud vase
—ism—	doctrine, movement, theory, system, -ism	Platonismo, Platonism; alkoholismo, alcoholism; imperiismo, imperialism; optimismo, optimism; turismo, turism; Budhismo, Buddhism
—ist—	person connected with the root, usually by profession (business, calling, vocation, habitual interest)	dentisto, dentist; marksisto, Marxist; instruisto, teacher; floristo, florist; muzikisto, musician; maristo, sailor; aferisto, businessman; poŝtisto, postal worker; (leter)portisto, (letter) carrier
—obl—	denotes multiplication, -ple	duobla, twofold; triobla, triple; multobla, manifold
—on—	denotes fraction, -th	duono, half; kvarono, quarter; du trionoj, 2/3; dekonono, tenth; sep okonoj, 7/8; dekononaĵo, tithe
—op—	collective numeral (number of elements together, in a group)	unuope, one at a time; duope, in twos (pairs), two by two; triope, in threes, three by three
—uj—	container, receptacle, holder (also countries)	inkujo, inkwell; monujo, purse; ĉapelujo, hatbox; Italujo, Italy (holds Italians); abelujo, beehive
—ul—	denotes individual (person)	junulo, youth; drinkulo, drunkard; maljunulino, an old woman; sanktulo, saint; bonulo, a good person
—um—	no definite meaning: sense is defined by usage or context	malvarmumo, a cold; manumo, cuff; krucumi, to crucify; plenumi, to fulfill, perform; okulumi, to ogle
—ĉj—, —nj—	affectionate endings	patro, father: paĉjo, daddy; panjo, mom; Roberto, Roĉjo, “Bob”; Vilĉjo, “Bill”