

**Changing the meaning of words by adding the prefixes 'super', 'anti', 'auto', 'trans' and 'over'**

# What is a **prefix**?

A prefix is a group of letters that is added to the **beginning** of a word to change its meaning.

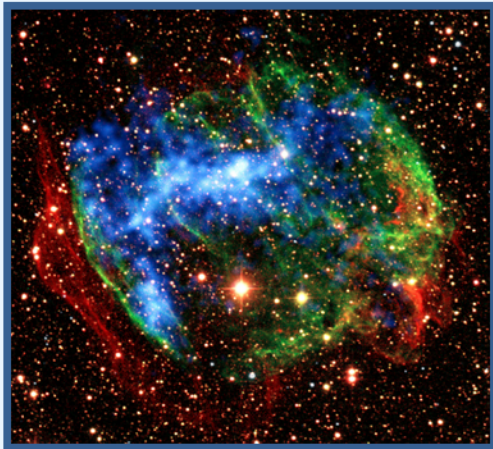
It is similar to a **suffix**, which is added to the end of a word.

Prefixes are added to a **root word**, a word that makes sense on its own but can also have prefixes and suffixes added to it.

For example, the verb **'take'** can be made into **'mistake'** with a prefix and **'taking'** with a suffix.

# super

**Meaning:** Larger, better than others, beyond or above.



A nova is when a star explodes.  
A supernova is when a star explodes with even more energy.

**Superscript:**

is when text is written above the line.



**Superhuman:** to have powers beyond what is human.

# anti

**Meaning:** Against, the opposite of or preventing.



antiaircraft gun



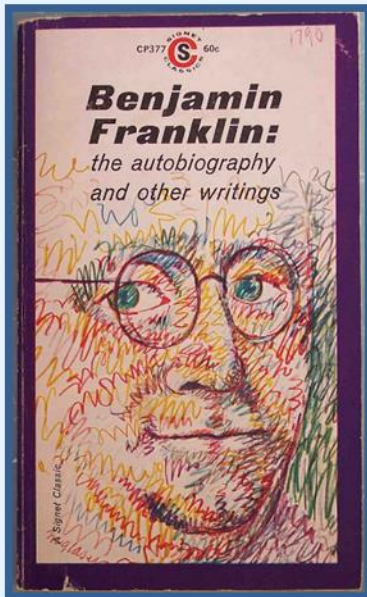
antisocial parking



antibiotics

# auto

**Meaning:** something about yourself or something that happens spontaneously.



autobiography



automobile

# trans

**Meaning:** across, through or changing.



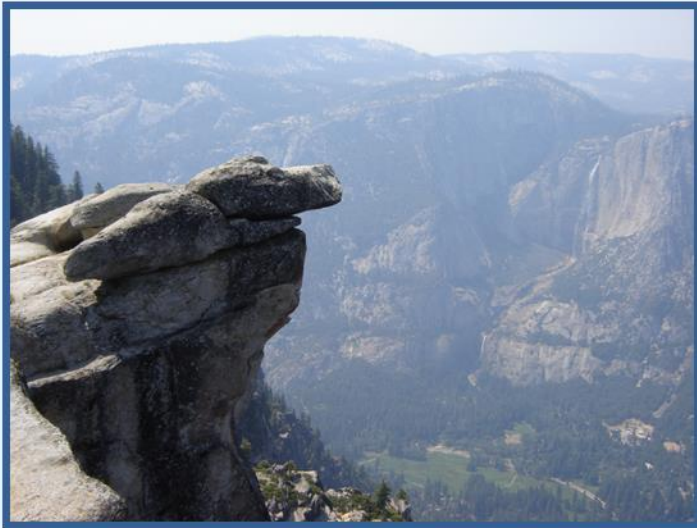
a transatlantic ferry



transport

# over

**Meaning:** too much or more than usual.



overhanging rocks



overcrowding

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