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**(GREEK PREFIXES pp 135–139)**

Several important roots: hodos = road/way,  
hemera = day, haima = blood, derma = skin,  
demos = people, graphein = to write

1. a- or an- (before vowel) = not or without,  
e.g. atom, anesthetic, atheist

2. amphi amphi(tero)- = on both sides (cf. L. ambi- p69),  
e.g. amphibious, amphoteric

3. ana = up (2nd -a lost before a vowel),  
(opposite of kata) derived meaning: back, again,  
e.g. analysis, anabatic, anode, anion

4. anti = against, e.g. antidote, antiseptic (cf. L. contra)

5. apo (apoh- = aph-) = (away) from,  
e.g. apostasy, aphelion, apology

6. arche better as noun = beginning p152

7. cata = (2nd -a lost before a vowel,  
catah- = cath- down, opposite of ana-  
e.g. catabatic, cathode, cation

8. di- = twice, double, e.g. diatomic (cf. L. bi- p69)

10. dica- = in two, asunder, e.g. dichotomy

9. dia = through, e.g. diameter, dia/tom, but cf. di/a/tom/ic

11. dys- = bad(ly), difficult, hard,  
e.g. dystrophy, dyslexia

12. & 13 & 20. ek(to)- ex(o)- = out of, outside,  
e.g. eccentric, exodus, ectoderm, exogamy
14. & 15 & 16. en(do/to)- / em- (before labials p45)  
= in, within, e.g. endemic, emphasis, endocrine
18. eso- = within, e.g. esoteric
17. epi (epih- = eph-) = on, upon,  
e.g. eponym, epidemic, ephemeral
19. eu = well, good, e.g. euthanasia, euphony
21. hemi- = half, e.g. hemisphere (cf. L demi & esp. semi)
22. hyper = above, e.g. hypertension, hyperglycemia, cf. Lat super
23. hypo = under, e.g. hypodermic, hypoglycemia, cf. Lat sub
24. meta (met + vowel, meth- for metah-) = after,  
becomes change, e.g. metamorphosis
25. opistho = behind, opisthographic
26. palin = back .... again, palindrome
27. para = beside, paranoia, paradox, parabola
28. peri = around, e.g. perimeter, periscope
29. pro = before, in front of, e.g. prognosis
30. & 31. pros(o-, tho-) = to, towards, near, e.g. prosthesis
32. syn (sym- before labials), with, together  
e.g. synthesis, symbiotic, symbol