

## CLA 201 H1S – UNIT 2

Prefix, e.g. PRE-fix (LAT *prae* = in front of, Text p. 5 #4)

Meaning of Prefix: literal — OR

— derived (metaphorical) — OR

— intensive or perfective, sometimes little/no meaning

see Text p. 67 e.g. RE-flex = bent back

RE-novate = make new again

RE-frigerant = making cold

### LATIN PREFIXES, Text pp. 68-74

1. ab = (away) from (a-, rarely abs-)

e.g. AB-normal, AB-erration, A-version, ABS-tract

2. ad = to(ward) (ac-c..., af-f..., ag-g..., al-l...,  
an-n..., ap-p..., as-s..., at-t...)

NB = Notate Bene: \*AD-simulation — AS-simulation

e.gg. AC-commodation, AF-fluent, AG-gregate,

AN-nex, AP-petite

Motto a mari (sea) usque (all the way) ad mare

3. ambi- = around, on both sides (also amb-, ambo = both,  
cf. GK amphi p. 135)

[cf. < LAT confer = together carry,

cp. < LAT compare = together provide]

e.g. AMB-ition, AMB-iguous, AMB-ient, AMBI-dextrous

4. ante = before (time or place, cf. GK anti = against)

a.m. = ANTE meridiem, before midday, ANTE-cedent

(5.) anterior, antero- = more before

6. bi- (L bis) = twice (bin-)

e.g. BI-lateral (latus = side), BIN-ocular (oculus = eye)

PROBLEM: BI-monthly = every 2 months or 2 times per month

BI-ennial = lasting 2 years or occurring every 2 years OR

appearing twice in 1 year (NB L. biennium = period of 2 years)

**SOLUTION: Semi- for twice per mensem, per annum, etc.**

**7. circum = around**

e.g. CIRCUM-ference (ferre = carry), CIRCUM-scribe  
(scribere = write)

**7¾. cis = on this side (opposite of trans)**

e.g. cisatlantic, cisgendered, cis-trans (chem)

**8. co- (L cum) = with (col-l..., com-m..., con-n..., cor-r...)**

e.g. CO-educational, COM-mercial, CO-ordinant, COR-rugated

**9. contra = against (counter-)**

e.g. pros and CONs, CONTRA-ceptive, COUNTER-PRO-ductive

**10. de = (down) from (cf. ab)**

e.g. DE-cision (caedere = cut), DE-mentia (mens = mind),  
DE-hydrate (hydor Gk = water, a hybrid word)

**11. demi = half (cf. semi p. 73 & GK hemi p. 137, # 21)**

e.g. DEMI-god, hemi-DEMI-semi-quaver (music 4 hooks)

**12. dis- = apart from (dif-f..., di-)**

e.g. DIF-ferent, DIS-crete

**13. ex = out of (e-, ef-f...)**

e.g. EX-it, EX-port, EX-crete

**(14.) extra = beyond**

e.g. EXTRA-ordinary, EXTRA-sensory

**15. in = in, on (im-m..., ir-r...)**

e.g. IN-flame, IM-port, IR-radiate

**(17.) infra = below (cf. supra), e.g. INFRA-structure**

**(18.) inter = between, e.g. INTER-act, INTER-cede, INTER-change**

**(19.) intra = within, e.g. INTRA-mural, INTRA-venous**

**(20.) intro- = within (also 21. intus), e.g. INTRO-duction**