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Helpful Prefixes

There are some commonly used prefixes that you will find helpful especially in your *science*, *mathematics*, and *social studies* schoolwork.

They will help you figure out and remember the meanings of words that you will find in your study of those subjects as well as in your general reading. In addition, you will use these words in other subjects, in everyday conversation, and in your writing.

anni/annu/enni—year

dem/demo—people

mal/male—bad, evil

chron—time

ge/geo—earth, soil, ground

pend—hang, weigh

circ/circum—around

hydr/hydra/hydro—water

tra/trans—across, through, over

List and define two words for each of the prefixes listed above. Try to choose words that you might expect to use in your study of science, mathematics and social science. On the third line, indicate the subject or subjects in which the word might be used (S, M, SS).

Example: **dis** disagreement having different opinions SS

<p>1. anni/annu/enni</p> <p>a. _____</p> <p>b. _____</p>
<p>2. chron</p> <p>a. _____</p> <p>b. _____</p>
<p>3. circ/circum</p> <p>a. _____</p> <p>b. _____</p>
<p>4. dem/demo</p> <p>a. _____</p> <p>b. _____</p>
<p>5. ge/geo</p> <p>a. _____</p> <p>b. _____</p>

Helpful Prefixes *(cont.)*

6. hydr/hydra/hydro

- a. _____
- b. _____

7. mal/male

- a. _____
- b. _____

8. pend

- a. _____
- b. _____

9. tra/trans

- a. _____
- b. _____

Choose one word from each list to use in a sentence.

1. **anni/annu/enni:** _____
2. **chron:** _____
3. **cir/circum:** _____
4. **dem/demo:** _____
5. **ge/geo:** _____
6. **hydr/hydra/hydro:** _____
7. **mal/male:** _____
8. **pend:** _____
9. **tra/trans:** _____