

Präfixe

lat. "prae" = in front frz. "fixer" = to fix

front addition 'fixes' the
meaning of the word

Sentence structure:

Subjekt

Verb

(action performer)

(action)

seperatable:

ich

rufe

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an. (at the very end of the sentence)

>2 verbs:

ich

muss

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anrufen.

non-seperatable:

ich

bezahle

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Präfix for nouns/adjectives: No change in sentence structure

transferring

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| ab "off" negativation | sagen to say fallen to fall | absagen to cancell an invitation der Abfall trash abmachen to agree die Abmachung the agreement abstimmen to coordinate / tune | Ich sagen ab. Ich muss absagen. |
| to manifest/ to finalize | | | |
| phys./methaph. distance | normal normal der Stand standing | abnormal non-normal der Abstand distance | |
| stopping | stellen to put | abstellen to turn off to put an object down | Ich stelle den Ton ab. |

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| an "on" action start | machen to make der Griff the handle/grap | anschalten anmachen to turn on der Angriff attack angreifen to infect | Ich mache den Kühlschrank an. |
| adding sth | stecken plug in hängen to hang setzen to sit | anstecken to attach anhängen to attach ansetzen to gainWeight to start sth to apply | |

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| aus "out" deactivation | machen to make stellen to stand out into public to work out | ausmachen to turn off ausstellen to turn off to exhibit die Ausstellung the exhibition ausarbeiten finalization, to work out | Arbeite ein Modell aus. |
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| durch "through" moving transferring | fliegen to fly stellen to stand | durchfliegen fly through durchstellen to put through the phone line | Ich fliege durch die Wolke. |
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| ein to start/set sth newly | stellen to stand arbeiten to work | einstellen to employ sb einarbeiten to train new worker for job | Ich arbeite mich für den neuen Job ein. |
| movement into | brechen to break | einbrechen to break into die Einfahrt the entrance | |

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| ent 15% of all German verbs (not seperatable from verb) | | | |
| finalization /ending | sorgen to care werfen to throw | entsorgen to dispose entwerfen to draft /design | Entwerfe das Modell |

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| er 10% of all German verbs (not seperatable from verb) | finden to find fahren to drive klären to clarify reichen to pass/give | erfinden to invent erfahren to experience erklären to explain erreichen to reach | Erkläre die Regel. |
| knoweldge transfer | | | |
| finalizing a process | | | |

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| fort | setzen to sit down dauern to last laufen to walk bringen to bring | fortsetzen to continue fortdauern to continue lasting fortlaufen to run away fortbringen to bring away | Der Krieg dauert fort. Die Gefangenen laufen fort. |
| continuation process | | | |
| distancing by movement | | | |

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| frei "free" freeing process | machen to make stellen to stand setzen to sit sb/sth | freimachen to get naked freistellen to get exempt/make available frei setzen to unleash | Der Terrorist setzt das Virus frei. |
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| her "here" orientated action ("here" by the perspective of the speakner) exception: | bringen to bring sehen to see stellen to put | herbringen to bring here hersehen to look here herstellen to put here to produce | Der Postbote bringt die Lieferung her. |
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| hin "there" orientated action (a location that is away from the speaker) negative exception: ! seperatable ! | stellen to put gehen to go da there richten to judge | hinstellen to put it there (speaker points at location) hingehen to go there (speaker defines) dahin there (movement) to hinrichten to execute (kill) a person | Stelle es hin! Gehe dahin! Richte ihn hin! |
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| hinter "behind" (not seperatable) neutral or negatively behind the obvious move / go after leave sth behind | fragen to ask gehen to go legen to lay | hinterfragen to question if correct jmd hintergehen to deceive sb to betray hinterher + movement verb to follow hinterlegen to deposit | Gehe ihm hinterher. |
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| hoch "high" physical high or methaphorical increase | klettern to climb arbeiten to work | hochklettern to climb up hocharbeiten to work up on the career ladder | Die Bergsteiger klettern den Berg hoch. |
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| mit "with" sth/sb attached to an action | fahren to drive nehmen to take | mitfahren to join, who is driving der Mitfahrer the passenger mitnehmen to take away | Ich fahre mit dir mit. |
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| nach "after" prolonging sth | reichen to reach/hand sb sth kommen to come | nachreichen to hand it in after the dead line nachkommen to come after der Nachkomme the descendant | Ich reiche das Projekt nach der Dead line nach. |
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| tief "deep" deep in physical/ methaphorical meaning | schlafen to sleep religiös religious ernst serious | tiefschlafen to deep sleep tiefreligiös deep religious tief Ernst deeply serious | In Mekka haben wir viele tiefreligiösen Menschen. |
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| über "over" above/higher/over in physical/methaphorical meaning | fahren to drive laufen to walk regional regional | überfahren to run over überlaufen to run over - switching to opposite party überregional overregional | Der Mann ist tot, weil er wurde überfahren. |
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| um "around" around movement to change-over | binden to bind steigen to climb bringen to bring | umbinden to tie around umsteigen to change to other option umbringen to kill | Steige in einen anderen Zugabteil um! |
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| unter "under" under negatively lowering position doing fundamental action | die Wäsche the laundry binden to bind gehen to go binden to bind nehmen to take halten to hold | die Unterwäsche the underwear unterbinden to prevent untergehen to drown/sink der Untergang to downfall unterbinden to prevent das Unternehmen the company unternehmen to undertake/attempt unterhalten to chat to maintain/support | |
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| ver 45% of all German verbs (not seperatable from verb) | kaufen to buy geben to give leihen to loan lassen to let fahren to drive kochen to cook brennen | verkaufen to sell vergeben to give away verleihen to borrow verlassen to leave place/sb verfahren to drive wrong way verkochen to overcook verbrennen | Sie ver lässt mich. |
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