

# The prefix RE

Learn more than  
**60 common words**  
that use the prefix RE with  
example sentences.

redo re + do = do again

reuse re + use = use again



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In this PDF, you will learn common words that use the suffix RE with example sentences so you can see how they are used in natural conversation.

There are lots of prefixes in the English language. RE is a common prefix that you will hear used in many words. The prefix RE can be added to verbs, nouns, and adjectives.

- Verb REDO - I made a mistake in my experiment. I have to redo it.
- Noun RE-ELECTION - The Mayor is up for re-election.
- Adjectives REUSABLE - I bought a reusable coffee cup to use at Starbucks.

## What is a prefix?

A prefix is a letter or group of letters added to the beginning of a word to change its meaning

[https://www.oxfordlearnersdictionaries.com/definition/english/prefix\\_1?q=prefix](https://www.oxfordlearnersdictionaries.com/definition/english/prefix_1?q=prefix)

The Prefix RE = again or back

## The prefix re - Example words with examples sentences

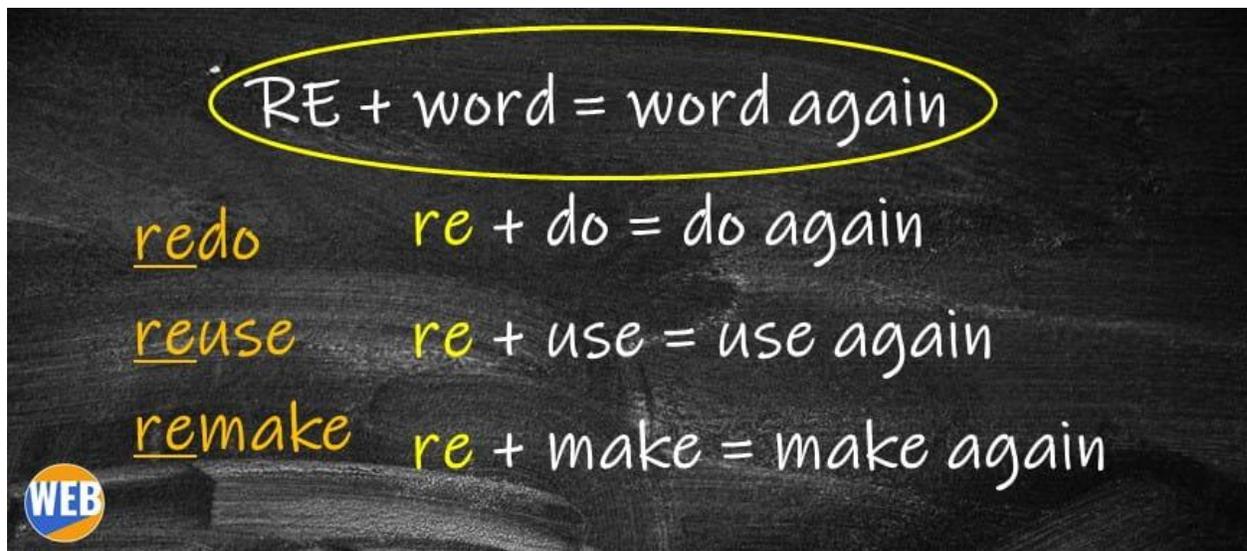
95% of the meanings in this post come from [Oxford Learner's Dictionaries](#)

This is a true list of words that add RE to another word. All the vocabulary on my list are proper root words whose meaning becomes - root word again.

I did not include words like reply, repeat, or remember. The meaning is not ply, peat, or member again! I want this post to help ESL students easily increase their vocabulary and help ESL teachers get some helpful content they can use with their own students.

The vocabulary list has three sections. Common verbs, nouns, and adjectives that use the prefix RE. Of course no list is complete. The verb section is the longest but it is still just a guide.

Every word has an example sentence to help you use these words in your own English conversations.



## VERBS

- **Readjust** - to get used to a changed or new situation [A new situation causes us to adjust again]
  - People will have to readjust to going back to work after the pandemic.
- **Reapply** - to put another layer of a substance on a surface
  - If you sweat a lot you should reapply sunscreen every 45 minutes.
- **Rearrange** - to change the position or order of things; to change your position
  - Every few years I like to rearrange my office, it feels new and fresh after I do this.
- **Reboot** - the act of starting a computer, smartphone, etc. again immediately after you have switched it off
  - My computer issues can be fixed if you just reboot your PC.
- **Reborn** - to be born again
  - If you could be reborn as any animal, which animal would you be?
- **Rebuild** - to build or put something together again
  - After the typhoon, I rebuilt my garage with the help of my friends.
- **Recall** - to remember something
  - I think I've seen this movie before but I can't recall how it ends.
- **Reconnect** - to connect something again; to connect to something again
  - After the plumber installed the new pipes he reconnected the water supply.
- **Recharge** - to fill a battery with electrical power; to be filled with electrical power
  - My new phone can fully recharge in just 15 minutes.
- **Recreate** - to make something that existed in the past exist or seem to exist again
  - The artist recreates famous paintings with just an iPad.
- **Recycle** - to treat things that have already been used so that they can be used again
  - Remember to follow the 3 R's - Reduce, reuse and recycle.
- **Redefine** - to change the nature or limits of something; to make people consider something in a new way
  - The new contract redefines my duties and responsibilities. I look forward to having more responsibility at the company.
- **Redirect** - to use something, for example money, in a different way or for a different purpose

- The local government has redirected money to support local businesses affected by the state of emergency.
- **Redouble** - to increase something or make it stronger
  - The team will have to redouble its efforts to get this project completed on schedule.
- **Redraw** - to make changes to something such as the borders of a country or region, a plan, an arrangement, etc.
  - After the war, Europe looked very different. The map of Europe was completely redrawn.
- **Re-elect** - to elect somebody again
  - Justin Trudeau was just re-elected Prime Minister of Canada.
- **Redo** - do again
  - I'm not happy with the custom images I made for this blog. I need to redo them.
- **Refinance** - to borrow money in order to pay a debt
  - Neil refinanced his mortgage to help pay off his credit card debt.
- **Refill** - fill again
  - At Mister Donut they will refill your coffee for free. You can drink as much coffee as you want!
- **Refocus** - to give attention, effort, etc. to something new or different
  - After 3 weeks of work with nothing to show I decided to step back and refocus my efforts.
- **Reformat** - to give a new format to a computer disk
  - After I reformatted my computer's hard drive it was working like new again.
- **Refresh** - to make somebody feel less tired or less hot
  - I took a walk down to the beach to refresh my mind.
- **Regroup** - (of a person) to return to a normal state after an unpleasant experience or a period of difficulty, and become ready to make an effort again with new enthusiasm or strength
  - A trip to the mountain resort helped me regroup after a difficult few months.
- **Reheat** - to heat cooked food again after it has been left to go cold
  - I always reheat old pizza in a frying pan on the stove, not in the microwave.
- **Reinterpret** - to interpret something in a new or different way
  - I like the way the director has reinterpreted this classic story and made something original.
- **Reintroduce** - to start to use something again
  - The government is planning to reintroduce bus service across the downtown core of the city.
- **Reinvest** - to put profits that have been made on an investment back

into the same investment or into a new one

- Smart investors reinvest the money they make on their original investments.
- **Relearn** - to learn (something) again
  - After the car accident, Terry had to relearn how to walk.
- **Relive** - to experience something again, especially in your imagination
  - Victims of assault often have to relive their experience when they testify in court. It's difficult for many.
- **Reload** - to put more bullets into a gun, more film into a camera, etc.
  - An advantage to digital cameras is we never have to reload film.
- **Remake** - to make a new or different version of something such as an old film or song; to make something again
  - The 1990 film 'Total Recall' starring Arnold Schwarzenegger was remade in 2012.
- **Remix** - to make a new version of a recorded piece of music by using a machine to arrange the separate parts of the recording in a different way, add new parts, etc.
  - After a band records a song the producers will remix it in the studio and try to make it sound even better.
- **Remodel** - to change the structure or shape of something
  - I want to remodel my office this Spring.
- **Rename** - to give somebody/something a new name
  - The city wants to rename the streets downtown after the Olympics.
- **Renew** - to begin something again after it stopped or was interrupted
  - I need to renew my driver's license every 4 years.
- **Reorder** - to ask somebody to supply you with more of a product
  - The restaurant needs to reorder paper coffee cups every week.
- **Reorganize** - to change the way in which something is organized or done
  - Every Spring I reorganize my closet. I have a lot of clothes!
- **Repaint** - to cover with a new coat of paint
  - I want to repaint the spare room before we have guests this Christmas.
- **Replant** - plant (a tree or plant which has been dug up) again, especially in a larger pot or new site.
  - The tree was replanted further away from the street.
- **Replay** - to play again a video, music recording or video game
  - The police replayed the security video several times so they could get a clear idea as to what happened.

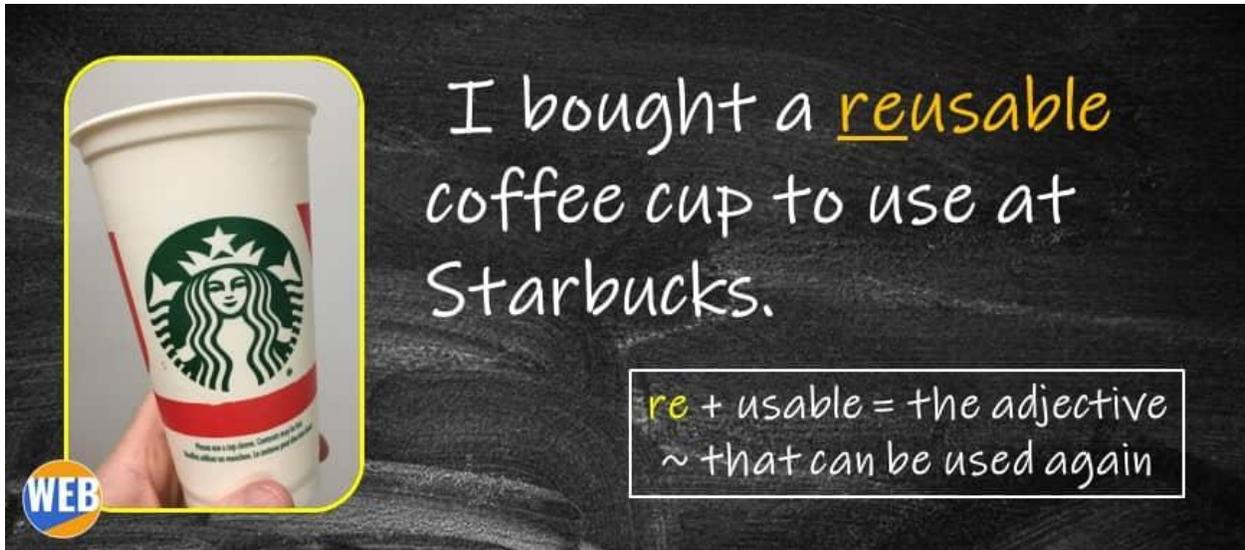
- **Resell** - to sell something that you have bought
  - The store will buy your old clothes and then resell them for a profit.
- **Reset** - to place something in the correct position again
  - After I broke my leg it took the doctor an hour to reset the bone.
- **Restart** - to start again
  - My computer issues can be fixed if you just restart your PC.
- **Restock** - to fill something with new or different things to replace those that have been used, sold, etc.; to get a new supply of something
  - Town wildlife experts restock the local lakes with fish every Spring.
- **Resupply** - to give somebody new supplies of something they need; to give something to somebody again in a different form
  - Large cruise ships have to resupply several times on long trips.
- **Retake** - to take an exam or a test again, usually after failing it the first time
  - My teacher is giving me a chance to retake the test because I was ill the first time.
- **Reuse** - to use something again
  - I try to reuse old plastic containers so they don't go in the garbage.
- **Revisit** - to return to an idea or a subject and discuss it again
  - I like your idea. Let's revisit it after we finish our current project.
- **Revive** - to become, or to make somebody/something become, conscious or healthy and strong again
  - The flowers soon revived after giving them lots of water and placing them in the sun.
- **Rewire** - to put new electrical wires into a building or piece of equipment
  - The electricians rewired the whole building.
- **Rewrite** - to write something again in a different way, usually in order to improve it or because there is some new information
  - I have written many English blog posts. I often update and rewrite older posts to make them more helpful.
- **Rework** - to make changes to something in order to improve it or make it more suitable
  - The band is reworking some of their older songs for the new album.



## NOUNS

- **Recall** noun - the ability to remember something that you have learned or something that has happened in the past [to call a memory again]
  - The patient lost some recall after the head injury.
- **Redefinition** - the act of changing the nature or limits of something; the act of making people consider something in a new way
  - The new contract was a redefinition of my role with the company.
- **Re-education** - the process of teaching somebody to think or behave in a new or different way
  - The government set up a communist style re-education center for children.
- **Refill** - another drink of the same type
  - Can I get a refill, please?
- **Remake** - a new or different version of an old film or song
  - The remake of 'Total Recall' in 2012 was okay, but I prefer the original.
- **Rematch** - a match or game played again between the same people or teams
  - As soon as the fight was over the winner offered his opponent a rematch. He wants to prove that his win was not luck.
- **Remix** - a new version of a recorded piece of music made by using a machine to arrange the separate parts of the recording in a different way, add new parts, etc.
  - I just heard a remix of my favorite song. It's good!
- **Reprint** - an act of printing more copies of a book because all the others have been sold

- This novel just had its 5th reprint. It is very popular.
- **Rerun** - a television programme that is shown again
  - Most Networks just show reruns during the summer.
- **Resale** - the sale to another person of something that you have bought
  - Honda makes quality cars. They have a high resale value.
- **Reunion** - a social occasion or party attended by a group of people who have not seen each other for a long time
  - I met many old friends at my high school reunion. It was so much fun to see my old friends again.



## ADJECTIVES

- **Reborn** - having become active again
  - The country has a reborn vision of social democracy.
- **Reusable** - that can be used again
  - I always reusable chopsticks at Japanese-style fast-food restaurants. I don't like to use disposable products.

## Conclusion

The prefix RE means again or back. It is used a lot with verbs to mean "DO THAT VERB AGAIN." I'm sure that the definitions and examples have helped you understand this prefix and given you the tools to use it in your own English conversations.

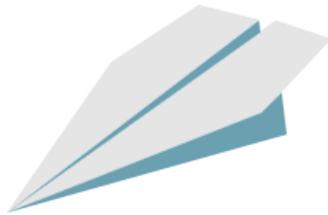
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