



The Prefix Post-



Learning the prefix post- is a great way to quickly and easily increase your English vocabulary. I have collected some common words with this prefix and organized them in a way that's easy to understand.

The Prefix Post-

post- prefix (in nouns, verbs, and adjectives)

- **after**

a **postgraduate**

Word Origin

from Latin post 'after, behind'.

The Word Post - Noun and Verb

post noun

1. (also mail North American English, British English)

[uncountable] the official system used for sending and delivering letters, packages, etc.

- I'm expecting an important letter, did you check the **post** this morning? (UK English)
- I'm expecting an important letter, did you check the mail this morning? (North American English)

2. *Internet* a message sent to a discussion group on the internet; a piece of writing that forms part of a blog

- This is a blog **post** about the prefix post-.

3. a job, especially an important one in a large organization
an academic **post**/a government **post**/a military **post**

SYNONYM position

- After he got his degree in political studies, James got a nice government **post** in Ottawa.

4. (often in compounds)

a piece of wood or metal that is set in the ground in a position pointing upwards, especially to support something or to mark a point

- The storm damaged most of my fence. I have to buy some new fence boards and fence **posts** today.

Idiom - (as) dumb as a post - (informal) very dumb

- Oliver is a great football player, but when you talk to him you realize he's **as dumb as a post**.

post verb

1. to put information or pictures on a website

- Wendy **posted** photos from her trip on Facebook.

2. to put somebody, especially a soldier, in a particular place so that they can guard a building or area

- A police officer was **posted** outside the door to protect the witness.

3. to put a notice, etc. in a public place so that people can see it

SYNONYM display

- The final exam scores are **posted** outside the classroom door.

4. to pay money to a court so that a person accused of a crime can go free until their trial

- The suspect had the choice to remain in jail or **post** a \$5,000 bond to go free until the trial.

Idiom - Keep Somebody Posted (about/on something)

to regularly give somebody the most recent information about something and how it is developing

- We are still waiting to hear from the bank, but I'll **keep you posted**. If I hear something I will tell you right away.

Post Words Relating To Mail

postal - adjective - connected with the official system for sending and delivering letters, etc.

- The U.S. **postal** system began on July 26, 1775. [SOURCE](#)

Below are some common compound words with the **adjective** postal.

- [postal code](#)
- "Don't forget to write the **postal code** on the bottom of the envelope."
- [postal district](#) (UK)
- "I don't live in that **postal district** anymore."
- [postal ballot](#)
- "Many countries have chosen to stop using **postal ballots** in elections."

Idiom - Go Postal (especially North American English, informal) to become very angry

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- I hate giving my boss bad news, he always **goes postal** on me even though it's not my fault. I'm just the messenger.

[postbox](#) - A public box that you can drop letters into that you wish to be delivered.

- Walk down Center Street and turn right on 11th Avenue. There's a big red **postbox** on the corner, you can't miss it.

[postcard](#) - A card that you send in the mail without an envelope. Usually, there's a picture on one side.

- Walter sent his family many **postcards** from his trip around South America.

[post office](#) - A government office that sells stamps and helps you to send letters, packages Etc.

- Every November I take Christmas presents for my family to the **post office** near my house. It takes a few weeks for the gifts to get to Canada from Japan so I have to send them out early.

[post office box](#) (Also called a P.O. box) - An address or location, usually in an office, where you can have mail delivered.

- I use a P.O. Box for business mail. It's easier.

[Postman/Postwoman](#) - The person who delivers mail to your house.

- I go jogging every morning. I always say hi to the **postman** when I see him.

Post Prefix Spelling

Some of the words on this list are written with a hyphen (-), some are not, and some can be written either way. The spelling I included in this list comes from the way it is written in the Oxford Learner's Dictionary or another source that I used. (Often Wikipedia.)

I have written them with the correct spelling but there may be more than one way to spell each word. (Basically - don't stress about it too much!)

You can see the results here for my grammar and spell-check software Grammarly. Postseason and post-season are both acceptable spellings, post season, written as two words, is not.



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I found a list online of 1000 words that begin with post. I went through this long list and tried to find the words starting with this prefix that are connected to common English words. The new word has a clear meaning of AFTER or behind.

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I included some common words whose meaning is behind or after but they are not true prefix words. The word that comes after POST- is not a common word that is used by itself. See if you can tell which ones they are.

Next, I put these words in the category groups as an easy reference for you.

The Prefix Post- (Verbs)

[post-date](#) - verb - post-date something to write a date on a check that is later than the actual date so that the check cannot be cashed (= exchanged for money) until that date

- I **post-dated** the check and gave it to the repairman.

[postpone](#) - verb - to arrange for an event, etc. to take place at a later time or date than originally planned

- The couple decided to **postpone** the wedding until next year.

Word origin: late 15th cent.: from Latin *postponere*, from *post* 'after' + *ponere* 'to place'.

[post up](#) verb - Sports - to take up a position against a defender in the post in basketball while standing with one's back to the basket

- Grayson is the tallest player on the team so the coach tells him to **post up** every game.

The Prefix Post- (Nouns)

[postgraduate](#) - a person who already holds a first degree and who is doing advanced study or research

- The school sent out the information to all **postgraduates**.

[posthumanism](#) - a philosophical term used to mean "after humanism" or "beyond humanism." Humanism is the philosophical idea that stresses the potential of humans due to their ability to think and reason. (I included this word because I often hear it in philosophical discussions. I don't think it's very common in conversation though.)

[post-impressionism](#) - the work or style of a group of artists in the late nineteenth century and early twentieth century that came after and reacted against Impressionism (= a style of painting developed in France in the late nineteenth century)

[post-Impressionist](#) - an artist who paints in the style of post-Impressionism

- Vincent van Gogh was a popular **post-impressionist** painter. (Post-impressionist is the name for an artist who painted during this time.)

[post-it](#) - post-it note - a small piece of colored, sticky paper that you use for writing a note on, and that can be easily removed

- My office is covered in **Post-it** notes, they help me to remember all the tasks I have to do in a day.

[postmodernism](#) - a style and movement in art, architecture, literature, etc. in the late 20th century that reacted against modern styles, for example by mixing features from traditional and modern styles

[postmodernist](#) - an artist, architect, or writer who works in the style of postmodernism

- Andy Warhol is an example of a **postmodernist** artist.

[post-mortem](#) - a medical examination of the body of a dead person in order to find out how they died

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- The police medical examiner carried out a **post-mortem** to determine the cause of death.

[post-nasal drip](#) - Medical - More mucus than normal gathers and drips down the back of your throat.

- Ian suffers from **post-nasal drip**. He's always coughing and clearing his throat.

[post-partum](#) - [post-partum depression](#) - a medical condition in which a woman feels very sad and anxious in the period after her baby is born, and may have negative thoughts or problems dealing with normal life

- Soon after her baby was born, Jeanette experienced some **post-partum depression**.

[post-traumatic stress disorder](#) - Medical - a mental illness following a very frightening or shocking experience, which usually involves feeling anxious and depressed and having frightening thoughts

- Many soldiers experience **post-traumatic stress disorder** when they returned home after combat. This condition is sometimes referred to as **PTSD**.

[postscript](#) - an extra message that you add at the end of a letter after you sign your name

- Whenever I write a letter to my wife I always add a postscript at the bottom of the page.
P.S. *I love you!*

The Prefix Post- (Adjectives and Adverbs)

[postapocalyptic](#) - existing or occurring after a catastrophically destructive disaster or apocalypse (Often used to describe the setting of films, books, etc.)

- “*Mad Max: Fury Road*” is my favorite **postapocalyptic** movie.

[Trailer]

[youtube <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hEJnMQG9ev8&w=450h=800&rel=0>]

[postgame](#) / post-match - occurring after a game

- I like to hear what the players have to say in the **postgame** interviews.

After the victory, the team enjoyed a **postgame** celebration in the locker room.

[post hoc](#) - (of an argument, etc.) happening after the event, especially when one event is the cause of another

- The pharmaceutical company gave a **post hoc** analysis of their first clinical trials Avenue vaccine.

[post-haste](#) - adverb - as quickly as you can

- I need this report finished **post-haste**.

Word origin: mid-16th cent.: from the direction “haste, post, haste”, formerly given on letters.

[posthumous](#) - happening, done, published, etc. after a person has died

- He was awarded a **posthumous** medal for bravery.

[posthumously](#) - adverb - after a person has died

- The author passed away in March but his last novel was published **posthumously** in September of that year.

[postmodern](#) - connected with or influenced by postmodernism

- The gallery was full of **postmodern** paintings from famous artists.

[postnatural](#) - used to describe organisms that have been intentionally altered by humans.

- It's becoming more difficult the create vaccines that are effective against **postnatural** infections.

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[postnuclear](#) - After the discovery of nuclear energy OR After a nuclear war.

- The stories about people trying to survive in a **postnuclear** world.

[post-punk](#) - Music - rock music that emerged in the late 1970s as musicians moved away from the raw sounds of punk rock

(I included this because I grew up in the 1980s. I listened to a lot of New Wave Music which came out of the Post-Punk movement.

- New Order was one of my favorite bands when I was in high school. They formed out of the **post-punk** group Joy Division.

[post-romantic](#) - Art and Culture - refers to cultural attitudes coming from the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, after the period of [Romanticism](#)

- Pyotr Tchaikovsky is a well-known Russian **post-romantic** composer.

[postseason](#) - taking place after the end of the regular sports season, when teams play additional games to decide which team is best in a particular sport

- My brother is not a huge baseball fan, but he enjoys watching **postseason** games. They're usually more exciting than the regular season games.

post-Soviet - This refers to the time after the Soviet Union ended its communist ideology and allowed many states to become independent from Russia. - Political

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Post-Soviet_states

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Post-Soviet_conflicts

[postsecondary](#) - of, relating to, or being education following secondary school

- Many companies require their applicants to have some kind of **postsecondary** education.

[posterior](#) - located behind something or at the back of something

- Lance has to do rehabilitation to fix his **posterior** shoulder instability.

Word origin: early 16th cent. (as a plural noun denoting descendants): from Latin, comparative of posterus 'following', from post 'after'.

[post-truth](#) - relating to circumstances in which people respond more to feelings and beliefs than to facts - Political -

- We're living in a **post-truth** era my feelings are more important than facts.

[post-war](#) - existing, happening or made in the period after a war, especially the Second World War

- The emperor lost all political and military power in **post-war** Japan.



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