The Prefix Trans-

(Definition, Origin, 52 Real Examples)

The Prefix Trans- Meaning

The Prefix trans- means across or beyond in adjectives.

**Transatlantic** = Across the Atlantic Ocean.
- The luxury cruise ship made its first **transatlantic** Journey in 2009.
- The airline just added three new **transatlantic** routes to its winter schedule.

**Transcontinental** = Across a continent.
- The **transcontinental** Railway is an important part of the economy. It allows goods to be shipped easily to distant locations.
- Environmental activists are trying to stop the gas company from building a **transcontinental** pipeline through protected areas.

The Prefix trans- means into another place or state in verbs.

**Transplant** = To someone’s organ, skin, etc. and put it into or onto another person
- New medical technology allows doctors to **transplant** organs into older patients with great success.
- Surgeons successfully **transplanted** a new kidney into Murray last week. He is no longer diabetic.

**Transform** = To change the form of something
- The real estate company **transformed** an old factory into modern apartments and condominiums.
- I just bought my son a toy car that **transforms** into a robot. He loves it.

Prefix trans- Oxford Learner's Dictionaries

Prefix TRANS- word origin
This prefix comes from the Latin word *trans* which means *across*.

The Word Trans As An Adjective

The adjective **trans** means having a gender identity that does not match the sex a person was said to have at birth
- Elliot Page is a Canadian **trans** actor. He is known for movies like Juno and Inception and the popular Netflix show The Umbrella Academy.

The Prefix Trans- (Verbs)

**transact** - to do business with a person or an organization
They don't teach you how to **transact** with customers in Business School. This is something you learn from experience.

**Transcend** - to be or go beyond the usual limits of something

- His paintings **transcended** any of the work being done by other painters in his time.

**Transcribe** - to record thoughts, speech or data in a written form, or in a different written form from the original

- They are creating software that can **transcribe** voice messages from your phone.

**Transfer**

1. to move from one place to another; to move something/somebody from one place to another

- I **transferred** $2,000 from my savings account to my chequing account.

2. to move from one job, school, situation, etc. to another; to arrange for somebody to move

- My father **transferred** a lot for his job so my family was always moving. I went to 9 different schools in my life before I started University.

3. to copy information, music, an idea, etc. from one method of recording or presenting it to another; to be recorded or presented in a different way

- I **transferred** all the important data onto a USB drive for insurance.

4. to officially arrange for something to belong to somebody else or for somebody else to control something

- He **transferred** ownership of the property to his son.

5. to send a phone call that you have received to another phone number

- My call was **transferred** to human resources, and I've been on hold for 15 minutes.

**Transfigure** - to change the appearance of a person or thing so that they look more beautiful

- The early morning sunshine **transfigured** her face into an angel.

**Transfix** - to make somebody unable to move because they are afraid, surprised, etc.

- I saw her step out of the limo I was **transfixed** by her beauty.

**Transform**

1. to change the form of something; to change in form

- The real estate company **transformed** an old factory into modern apartments and condominiums.

2. to completely change the appearance or character of something/somebody, especially so that it is better; to completely change in appearance or character

- The experience **transformed** Steven's life.

**Transfuse** - to put new blood into the body of a person or an animal

- The doctor needed to **transfuse** new blood into the patient after the accident.

**Transgress** - to go beyond the limit of what is morally or legally acceptable

- The primitive people punished anyone who **transgressed** against their Moon God.

**Transit** - to pass across or through an area

- Hundreds of planes **transit** in and out of the terminal every day.

**Translate**

1. to express the meaning of speech or writing in a different language

- They asked me to **translate** the message into English.

2. to send an electronic signal, radio or television broadcast, etc.

- The signal was being **transmitted** from a satellite in space.

**Transmogrify** - to change somebody/something completely, especially in a surprising way

*This is not a common word at all! I included it in this list because of my favorite newspaper comic strip 'Calvin and Hobbes.' It's a comic strip about a boy (Calvin) and his stuffed tiger (Hobbes) who comes to life in Calvin's imagination. They built a machine called a **transmogrifier** with a cardboard box. The machine could turn one thing into another in Calvin's imagination.*
transmute - to change, or make something change, into something different
  ● At one time people tried to transmute lead into gold. This is impossible.

transpire - (not usually used in the progressive tenses) 1. transpire that… if it transpires that something has happened or is true, it is known or has been shown to be true
  ● What he told the police, it later transpired, was a lie.
2. [intransitive] to happen
  ● I arrive at the airport 3 hours before my flight so I could check my bags. What transpired next is unbelievable.

transplant - 1. to take an organ, skin, etc. from one person, animal, part of the body, etc. and put it into or onto another
  ● Surgeons successfully transplanted a new kidney into Murray last week. He is no longer diabetic.
2. to move a growing plant and plant it somewhere else
  ● I transplanted some roses from my back garden to the flower pot in front of my house.

transport - 1. to take something/somebody from one place to another in a vehicle
  ● This train transports seeds and grain across the country.
2. to make somebody feel that they are in a different place, time or situation
  ● I loved to read when I was in elementary school. The books transported me to many different magical worlds.

transpose - 1. to change the order of two or more things
  ● A few of the words were transposed so we have to print the document again.
2. to move or change something to a different place or environment or into a different form
  ● The director reimagined the story and transposed the characters from the 17th century to modern times.

The Prefix Trans- (Adjectives)

transatlantic - crossing the Atlantic Ocean
  ● The luxury cruise ship made its first transatlantic Journey in 2009.

transcendent - going beyond the usual limits; extremely great
  ● Carol is an excellent chef. Her cooking skills are transcendent.

transcontinental - crossing a continent
  ● The transcontinental Railway is an important part of the economy. It allows goods to be shipped easily to distant locations.

transferable - that can be moved from one place, person or use to another
  ● I'm sorry, this coupon is from another store. It's not transferable.
  *The opposite is often written as the compound adjective non-transferable.
  ● I'm sorry, this coupon is from another store. It's non-transferable.

transgender - describing or relating to people whose gender identity does not match the sex they were said to have at birth *See also transsexual
- The university is installing **transgender** bathrooms.

**transient** - 1. continuing for only a short time
- The cherry tree blossoms bloom for just a few weeks before they're gone. It reminds us of the **transient** nature of all things.
2. staying or working in a place for only a short time, before moving on
- Farmers sometimes hire **transient** workers to help them pick their crops in the fall.

**transitional** - connected with the process of changing from one state or condition to another
- The citizens created a **transitional** government until a new mayor could be elected.

**transitive** - (grammar) (of verbs) used with a direct object
- RAISE is a **transitive** verb so it must be followed directly by an object.

**transitory** - continuing for only a short time
- All feelings, good and bad, are **transitory**. You should appreciate the happy times when they are here and understand that the sad times will eventually pass.

**transpacific** - crossing or extending across the Pacific Ocean
- **Transpacific** airfare increases during typhoon season.

**transparent** - allowing you to see through it
- The smartphone has a **transparent** back panel so you can see the parts inside.

**transverse** - in a position or direction that is at an angle of 90° to something else
- The surgeon made a **transverse** below the patient's ribcage.

The Prefix Trans- (Nouns)

Most/ all of the nouns in this list come from adding a suffix to the end of the verb form.

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For more examples of the suffix -al check out my great blog post here>> [How do you use the suffix -al? (Over 85 Common Examples)](https://worldenglishblog.com/transitive-and-intransitive-verbs/)

**transaction** - a piece of business that is done between people, especially an act of buying or selling
- The manager's company credit card had a few suspicious **transactions** last month.

**transcendence** - the ability to go beyond the usual limits; existence or experience beyond the normal or physical level
- Victoria experienced a kind of **transcendence** during her spiritual retreat in the mountains. She felt her spirit leave her body at one point.

**transcript** - a written or printed copy of words that have been spoken
- I couldn't attend the meeting so my secretary emailed me a **transcript** of what was talked about.

**transference** - the process of moving something from one place, person or use to another

Where people come to learn real English - [www.WorldEnglishBlog.com](http://www.WorldEnglishBlog.com) - [Helpful Resources](http://www.WorldEnglishBlog.com)
In cold weather survival situations people need to stay close together. The **transference** of heat can help keep people warm and alive.

**transformation** - a complete change in somebody/something

Over the summer Jim grew 11 cm, gained 4 kg of muscle and started to grow a mustache. He had a complete **transformation**.

**transformer** - a device for reducing or increasing the voltage of an electric power supply, usually to allow a particular piece of electrical equipment to be used

Repairmen came to fix the damaged **transformer** and bring electricity back to the neighborhood.

**transfusion** - the process of putting new blood into the body of a person or an animal

Blood **transfusions** save thousands of lives every year.

**transgression** - an act that goes beyond the limits of what is morally or legally acceptable

People were growing tired of Max's constant **transgressions**.

**transgressor** - a person who goes beyond the limit of what is morally or legally acceptable

Sometimes society's worst **transgressors** are just people who need help and support.

**transient** - a person who stays or works in a place for only a short time, before moving on

Farmers sometimes hire foreign workers and other **transients** to help them pick their crops in the fall.

**transistor** - a small electronic device used in computers, radios, televisions, etc. for controlling an electric current as it passes along a circuit

My old radio stopped working last week. I need to buy a new **transistor**.

**transit** - 1. the process of being moved or carried from one place to another

I think Amazon needs to hire more responsible drivers. Many products get damaged in **transit**.

Here are 4 compound words with TRANSIT

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**transition** - 1. the process or a period of changing from one state or condition to another

Some students have a hard time making the **transition** from school to full-time work.

2. the process of starting to live your life as a person of a different sex, to match your gender identity

Allen's family was supportive of his **transition** to become Allison.
**translation** - the process of changing something that is written or spoken into another language

- I laugh when I see strange English **translations** on Japanese signs, but I know they're trying. The signs are there to help foreigners in Japan so I appreciate that.

**translator** - a person who translates writing or speech into a different language, especially as a job

- My friend Paul works as a French **translator** for a big European trading company.

**transmission** - the act or process of passing something from one person, place or thing to another

- Many places set up social distancing guidelines to limit the **transmission** of the virus.

**transmitter** - a piece of equipment used for sending electronic signals, especially radio or television signals

- My grandfather has an old radio **transmitter** from when he served in the army in the 1960s. It still works but I think there's no one who can pick up the signal. The technology is too old.

**transparency** - 1. the quality of something, such as a situation or an argument, that makes it easy to understand

- Citizens demand **transparency** from the government. I want to see what is happening very clearly.

2. the quality of something, such as glass, that allows you to see through it

- The glass on the windows is frosted to prevent people from seeing inside. There is very little **transparency** in the glass.

**transplant** - 1. a medical operation in which a damaged organ, etc. is replaced with one from another person

- Kelly went to the hospital for a kidney **transplant**.

**transponder** - a device that receives a radio signal and then sends out a different signal in reply

- The bank employee slipped a transponder into the bag of money so they could track it after the robbers took it from a building.

**transport** - [many] 1. a system for carrying people or goods from one place to another using vehicles, roads, etc.

- Countries that produce oil need a good **transport** system to sell to the global market.

2. [uncountable] a vehicle or method of travel

- In Japan, my bicycle is my main mode of **transport**. I ride it everywhere.

3. the activity or business of carrying goods from one place to another using trucks, trains, etc.

- Company invested in some modern trucks to reduce the number of products damaged during **transport**.

**transvestite** - a person, especially a man, who enjoys dressing in clothes usually worn by the opposite sex

- The show had many **transvestite** performers playing the roles of some famous female singers and actresses.