



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 its 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.

transmit - 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.

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[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.

Did you know? Five hundred years before Columbus, a daring band of Vikings led by Leif Eriksson crossed the Atlantic Ocean to North America and established a settlement. Vikings is the modern name given to seafaring people originally from Scandinavia (present-day Denmark, Norway, and Sweden)

[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 its 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**.

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[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.

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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.

transform	-ation	transformation
transcend	-ence	transcendence
transcribe	-ption	transcription
transition	-al	transitional

For more examples of the suffix -al check out my great blog post here>> [How do you use the suffix -al? \(Over 85 Common Examples\)](#)

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

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- 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

mass transit noun

[uncountable] (North American English)

the system of public transport in cities, including the subway, buses, etc.

rapid transit noun

[uncountable] (especially North American English)

the system of fast public transport in cities, especially the subway

transit camp noun

a camp that provides temporary accommodation for refugees

public transit noun

[uncountable] (North American English) *The same as *mass transit*

the system of public transport in cities, including the subway, buses, etc.

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.

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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.

