

Inseparable Prefix Verbs

be-

beachten to pay attention to, heed	beabsichtigen to intend	beanstanden to object, make a complaint
beantragen to request, plead	beantworten to answer (a question)	bearbeiten to work on, rework
bedauern to regret, commiserate	bedanken to thank	bedecken to cover
bedenken to consider, deliberate	bedeuten to mean, signify	bedienen to serve, operate
bedrohen to threaten	beehren to honor	beeilen to hurry, be quick
beenden to finish, complete	beerben to succeed, inherit	beerdigen to bury, inter
befehlen to command, order	befeuern to heat	beflecken to sully, taint, stain
befördern to convey, send	befragen to question (someone)	befreien to free, liberate
befürchten to fear	begehen to commit (an act)	begehren to desire, covet
begleiten to accompany	beglücken to please, bless	begreifen to comprehend
begrüßen to welcome, greet	begünstigen to promote, favor	behalten to retain, keep
behandeln to treat, handle	behaupten to claim, assert	beheizen to heat
beherrschen to control	beirren to confuse, mislead	bejahen to affirm, to say yes to
bekämpfen to fight against	beknien to lean on, be urgently	bekochen to cook for someone
bekommen to receive, get	beköstigen to feed someone, cater for	bekümmern to trouble, distress

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belassen to leave something	belasten to strain, burden	belauschen to overhear, eavesdrop
belehnen to mortgage	belehren to instruct, lecture	belobigen to commend, praise
belohnen to reward	belügen to lie to someone	belustigen to amuse
bemächtigen to seize, usurp	bemannen to man, crew	benachrichtigen to notify
benachteiligen to wrong, adversely affect	beobachten to watch, observe	berauben to rob, spoil
bereichern to enrich	bereuen to regret	besamen to fertilize, inseminate
beschäftigen to employ, keep busy	beschatten to tail, shadow	beschenken to give presents to
beschießen to batter, bombard	bescheißen to cheat, swindle	beschlafen to bed someone
beschleunigen to accelerate	beschließen to resolve, determine, decide	beschneiden to prune, circumcise
beschönigen to whitewash, sugarcoat	beschreiten to pursue	beschuldigen to accuse
beschweren to encumber, ballast	beschwichtigen to allay, appease	beschwören to invoke, implore
besehen to look at	besetzen to occupy, man, conquer	besitzen to possess
bestehen to insist, persist	bestehlen to steal from someone	besteuern to tax, impose a tax on
bestrafen to punish, sentence	bestrahlen to irradiate	bestreuen to sprinkle, strew
bestücken to fit, equip	besuchen to attend, visit	besudeln to sully, besmirch

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betanken to refuel, fill up	betasten to palpate, palm	betätigen to operate, activate
betatschen to feel up, grope	betonen to emphasize, enhance	betören to infatuate, beguile
betrachten to consider, contemplate	betrauern to mourn, bemoan	betreiben to pursue, operate
betreten to tread, step on	betrinken to get drunk	betrügen to deceive
beweisen to prove, witness, substantiate	bewerkstelligen to accomplish, bring about	bewilligen to grant, approve, allow
bezahlen to pay	bezaubern to enchant, charm	bezeichnen to denote, designate
bezichtigen to accuse, incriminate	beziehen to refer, correlate	bezwingen to subjugate, conquer

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ent-

entarten to degenerate	entblättern to shed leaves	entbrennen to flare up, conflagrate
entdecken to discover	entehren to dishonor, defile, defame	enteilen to hasten, hurry away
enterben to disinherit, cut out of one's will	entfachen to spark, kindle, inflame	entfernen to remove, extract
entfesseln to unleash, set free	entfetten to degrease, defat	entflammen to kindle, inflame, catch fire
entfliehen to escape, get away	entfolgen to unfollow	entfremden to alienate, estrange
entfärben to bleach, decolor	entführen to abduct, kidnap	entgiften to detox
enthaaren to remove hair	enthäuten to skin, flay, peel	enthüllen to expose, unveil, disclose
entkräften to weaken, debilitate	entlarven to reveal, debunk, unmask	entnehmen to extract, withdraw
entpuppen to emerge from its chrysalis/cocoon	entrostern to derust, remove rust	entschädigen to reimburse, compensate, indemnify
entschärfen to defuse, alleviate, disarm	entsetzen to relieve, oust	entsichern to unlock, activate
entsprießen to arise from something	entspringen to arise from, spring up	entstehen to emerge, rise
entwaffnen to disarm	entzaubern to disenchant, break the spell, debunk	entzünden to kindle, inflame, ignite

emp-

empfangen to receive	empfehlen to recommend	empfinden to feel, sense
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erachten to consider, think of (in a certain way)	erarbeiten to develop, compile, work towards	erbauen to build, construct
erbeben to shudder, tremble, quake	erbetteln to be, panhandle	erbeuten to prey, capture, entrap
erbieten to undertake, offer, volunteer	erbitten to solicit, request, petition	erbllassen to fade, grow/turn pale
erblicken to behold, catch sight of	erblühen to blossom, bloom	erbrechen to vomit
erbringen to render, perform, generate	erdenken to conceive, think up	erdreisten to dare, venture
erdrosseln to choke, strangle	erdrücken to overwhelm, crush/smother (to death)	erdulden to endure, tolerate
ereifern to get excited about something	ereilen to befall, overtake	ererben to inherit
erfahren to experience	erfassen to capture, collect, acquire	erfinden to invent
erfolgen to follow, ensue	erfordern to require, demand	erfragen to inquire about, ask
erfreuen to please, delight	erfrieren to freeze to death	erfrischen to refresh
erfüllen to fulfill, accomplish, satisfy	ergänzen to complete, complement	ergaunern to scam
ergeben to yield, give, reveal	ergießen to pour, spill	ergrauen to grey, turn grey
ergreifen to seize, grasp, grab	erhalten to obtain, receive	erhängen to hang (to death)
erhärten to solidify, confirm	erheben to raise, elevate	erheischen to command (attention)

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erhellen to lighten, illuminate	erhitzen to heat, warm	erhöhen to raise, increase
erhoffen to anticipate, wish for	erholen to rally, recover	erhören to answer (a prayer, plea)
erkälten to catch a cold	erkämpfen to eke out, carve out	erkaufen to buy, pay dearly for
erkennen to recognize, realize	erkiesen to choose	erklären to explain, declare
erklimmen to crest, clamber	erklingen to resound, ring out	erkranken to sicken, become diseased
erküren to choose	erlahmen to languish, grow weak	erlangen to gain, obtain
erlassen to exempt, cancel, abate	erleben to experience	erledigen to manage, finish, take care of
erlegen to slay, kill	erleiden to suffer, incur	erlernen to learn, master
erlesen to select	erleuchten to illuminate	erliegen to succumb
erlöschen to lapse, expire	erlösen to release, save	erläugen to fabricate something
ermahnern to urge, caution, remind	ermangeln to lack	ermitteln to determine, investigate
ermöglichen to enable, make possible	ermorden to murder, assassinate	ermüden to tire, fatigue
ermuntern to encourage, cheer up	ermutigen to encourage, embolden	ernähren to nourish, feed
ernennen to appoint, nominate	erniedrigen to humiliate, debase	eröffnen to establish, initiate
erpressen to blackmail, extort	erproben to prove, attempt, try	erraten to guess, answer

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errechnen to reckon, calculate	erregen to thrill, excite	erreichen to obtain, reach, accomplish
erretten to redeem, save	errichten to erect, establish	erringen to achieve, gain, win
erröten to blush, flush, redden	ersauen to drown	erschlaffen to go limp, slacken
erschaffen to create, fabricate	erschallen to resound, ring out	erschauen to behold, see
erscheinen to appear, emerge	erschießen to shoot (and kill)	erschlagen to slay, beat (to death)
erschließen to exploit, develop	erschöpfen to deplete, exhaust	erschrecken to scare, frighten
ersehen to see, learn from	ersehnen to crave, desire	ersetzen to replace, substitute
erspähen to spy, discover	erstarren to stiffen, congeal	erstaunen to astonish, amaze
erstechen to stab (to death)	erstellen to issue, compile, build	ersterben to die away (down)
ersticken to choke, suffocate	erstreben to strive, aim at	erstreiten to contend successfully for
erstürmen to storm, take by storm	ertappen to cop, catch out	erteilen to confer, award, administer
ertönen to sound, resonate	ertragen to bear, endure, tolerate	ertränken to drown
erträumen to picture, dream of	ertrinken to drown	ertüchtigen to toughen up, get fit
erwachsen to grow up	erwägen to contemplate, deliberate	erwählen to choose, elect, select
erwärmen to warm (up)	erwarten to expect	erwecken to arouse, inspire

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erwehren to resist, ward off	erweichen to melt, soften	erweisen to prove, demonstrate
erweitern to expand, broaden	erwerben to acquire, earn, procure	erwidern to respond, retort, reply
erwirken to effect, obtain	erwirtschaften to earn, obtain	erwischen to catch, nab, seize
erwürgen to choke, strangle	erzählen to tell, narrate	erzeigen to prove, show
erzeugen to generate, manufacture, constitute	erziehen to educate, rear, train	erzielen to achieve, attain, obtain
erzürnen to irritate, anger, offend	erzwingen to compel, force, extort	

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ge-

gebieten to demand, command	gebrauchen to use	gedenken to commemorate
gefallen to please, delight	gefrieren to freeze, congeal	geruhen to condescend
gehören to belong to	geleiten to usher, escort	genießen to enjoy, relish
gerinnen to congeal, clot	gestehen to confess, admit	geziemen to become, befit, behoove

miss-

missachten to disregard, flout	missbrauchen to misuse, abuse	missdeuten to misconstrue, misinterpret
missgönnen to grudge, begrudge	misshandeln to abuse, maltreat	misslingen to fail, miscarry, be unsuccessful
misstrauen to mistrust, distrust, suspect	missverstehen to misunderstand	

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ver-

verabreichen to administer, deliver	verabscheuen to abhor, detest, nauseate	verabschieden to dismiss, see off, say goodbye
veralbern to tease, stultify	veralggemeinern to generalize, universalise	verändern to change, alter, modify
veranlassen to prompt, induce	verantworten to answer (for something)	verarbeiten to process, manufacture
verärgeren to annoy, exasperate	verarschen to hoax, to take someone for a ride	verarzten to doctor, administer first aid to someone
verbällern to squander, waste	verbannen to banish, relegate	verbeamten to make someone a civil servant
verbessern to improve, enhance	verbieten to forbid, prohibit, ban	verbinden to connect, link
verbraten to waste, fritter away	verbuddeln to bury, plant	verderben to spoil, taint, ruin
verdienen to earn, deserve	verdingen to hire out	verehren to worship, adore, revere
verelenden to immiserate, pauperize	verengen to constrict, narrow	vererben to bequeath, hand down
verfahren to proceed, act	verfallen to decay, expire, decline	verfassen to indict, draft, compose
verfeinden to make enemies of	verflachen to flatten, degenerate	verflüssigen to liquefy
verfolgen to pursue, follow	verfremden to alienate	verfügen to command, decree
verführen to seduce, allure, mislead	vergessen to forget	vergeuden to squander, waste
vergolden to gild, gold-plate	vergöttern to adore, idolize	vergraben to bury

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vergrößern to enhance, increase	verhalten to restrain, control	verhauen to whack, spank
verheißen to augur, promise	verhelfen to help provide	verhunzen to ruin, spoil
verhütten to smelt ore	verirren to stray, become lost	verkaufen to sell
verkehren to pervert	verklären to glorify	verkörpern to embody, epitomize
verköstigen to feed, provide with meals	verkündern to declare, proclaim	verkuppeln to matchmaking
verlangsamen to decelerate, slow down	verlassen to leave, desert	verleugnen to disown, deny
verlieren to lose, forfeit	verludern to squander	vermachen to bequeath
vermehren to increase, multiply	vermindern to reduce, impair, shrink	vermissen to miss
vermöbeln to lambast, thrash, bash, beat up	vermüllen to litter	vernageln to nail up something, board up
verpassen to miss	verpisSEN to bugger off, eff off, piss off	verprassen to squander, blow, fritter away
verprügeln to batter, pummel, wallop	verpulvern to blow (money)	versachlichen to objectify
versagen to fail, malfunction, fall through	versalzen to oversalt	versanden to silt up, fizz out, peter out
verschalen to lag, plank	verscherzen to forfeit, trifle away	verschießen to misplay, shoot away
verschlampen to lose	verschütten to spill	verschwenden to dissipate, squander, waste

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verschwimmen to become blurred, grow hazy	verschwinden to disappear, vanish	verseuchen to pollute, infect, contaminate
versichern to assure, assert, insure	versieben to squander a chance	versilbern to silver-plate, cover with silver
versinken to sink	versohlen to belt, leather, paddle	verstehen to understand, comprehend
versuchen to attempt, try	vertiefen to deepen, intensify	vertreiben to banish, displace
vertreten to substitute, deputize	vertun to waste, squander, fool away	vervielfältigen to duplicate, manifold
verwahrlosen to go to seed, become dilapidated	verwässern to dilute, water down	verweichlichen to grow soft, sissify, render effeminate
verwerfen to repudiate, condemn, abolish	verwirken to forfeit	verwünschen to imprecate, cuss, curse
verwursten to rehash, make into sausage		

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zer-

zerbeißen to masticate, bite something in two, chew	zerbersten to burst, rupture	zerbomben to bomb to pieces
zerbröckeln to crumble	zerdrücken to crush, squash	zerfahren to kill (with a vehicle), flatten
zerfleddern to tatter	zerfleischen to mangle, tear to pieces	zerfressen to erode, corrode
zergliedern to parse, dismember, dissect	zerhacken to mince, hack, chop up	zerhauen to beat to pieces
zerkauen to scrunch, chew up, masticate	zerknautschen to crumple	zerknüllen to rumple, wad into a ball
zerkrümeln to crumble	zerlassen to melt	zermanschen to smash
zermartern to torment	zermürben to demoralize, wear down	zerflücken to pick to pieces
zerreiben to grind, pulverize	zerrüttten to subvert, ruin, wreck, destroy	zersägen to saw up, slab, cut up
zerschellen to burst, shatter, smash to pieces	zerschlagen to smite, batter, break	zerschmelzen to melt (away)
zerschneiden to cut, carve, dissect	zerschrammen to bruise, seam	zerspalten to split
zersprengen to scatter	zerspringen to burst, shatter	zerstampfen to pound, bruise, pulverize
zerteilen to dissipate, dissect, break up, divide up	zertrennen to disjoint, sever, separate	zertreten to squelch, trample, scrunch
zertrümmern to smash, break, pound	zerwühlen to dishevel, churn up, make a mess of	zerzausen to ruffle, rough up