Prefixes: intermediate

Class objective - To learn prefixes in more detail.

Concept A: Introduction:

A **prefix**, called उपसर्ग in **Sanskrit**, can be added before a verb to change its meaning. For example, गच्छति means 'he goes' whereas आगच्छति means 'he comes'. Much of the time, a **prefix** has a fairly consistent meaning and changes the meaning of a verb in a predictable way.

Let us explore the topic of prefixes from Sanskrit in more detail. Romanised spellings are given for all prefixes. Example words are given along with their meaning.

Prefix	Meaning	Example Words
अ (a)	नहीं (nahi – not)	अज्ञान (agyan – ignorance), अभाव (abhaav – lack)
अति (ati)	अधिक (<i>adhik</i> – more, much)	अत्याचार (<i>atyaachar</i> – oppression), अत्यधिक (<i>atyaadhik</i> – very much)
स्व (sva)	अपना (apna – ours), निजी (nizi – private)	स्वदेश (svaadesh – motherland), स्वतन्त्र (savatantr – self-rule)
प्रति (prati)	विरोध (virodh – against)	प्रत्येक (<i>pratyek</i> – every), प्रतिकूल (<i>pratikul</i> – opposite)
वि (vi)	विशेष (<i>vishesh</i> – special), अलग (<i>alag</i> – different), उल्टा (<i>ulta</i> – opposite)	विदेश (<i>videsh</i> – foreign land), विभाग (<i>vibhag</i> – department)

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