

VIDEO & PODCAST TRANSCRIPT #003 Words That Start With The Prefix AMPHI-

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Today we are going to examine the prefix AMPHI-

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Here's a definition:

The prefix AMPHI- comes from Greek and means:

- both
- of both kinds
- on both sides
- around

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Here are 3 frequently used words with the prefix AMPHI-

- 1. amphibian
- 2. amphibious
- 3. amphitheatre

Let's look at some examples . . .

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amphibian, a noun, refers to animals such as frogs, newts, salamanders and toads that live both on land and in water.

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The picture shows a green frog covered in small white spots sitting on a bright green leaf.

The sentence example reads:

Because it is translucent and covered with many white spots, this amphibian is called the Powdered Glass Frog.

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Notes: This animal, which lives on land and in water, is called the Powdered Glass Frog. You can almost see-through it and it looks as if someone has sprinkled it with talcum powder!

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Next, amphibious, an adjective, refers to something that is suitable for both land and water.

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The picture shows a bus coming out of the River Thames in London on to land.

The sentence example reads:

London Duck Tours provides an amazing amphibious adventure, exploring the sights and sounds of Central London.

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Notes: For an interesting tour of London, try London Duck Tours which takes you across water and land to experience the sights and sounds of London.

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The last example is amphitheatre, a noun.

This refers to an open-air venue used for entertainment where spectators sit on both sides of the action.

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The picture shows an ancient Roman amphitheatre.

The sentence example reads:

This Roman amphitheatre, located in Spoleto, about 126 km north of Rome, dates back to the first century.

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Notes: This ancient Roman amphitheatre, with seating on both sides, around the performers, is a tourist attraction for visitors to Spoleto, Italy.

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In conclusion: When you see a word with the prefix amphi-, look for one of the following meanings related to the word:

- both
- of both kinds
- on both sides
- around

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