

Lesson
4

Prefixes and base words

Teaching
re + search = researchdis + courage = discouragepre + caution = precautionre + condition = reconditiondis + prove = disprovepre + arrange = prearrangere + fuel = refueldis + ability = disabilitypre + diction = predictionre + vision = revisiondis + agreement = disagreementpre + mature = prematurere + elect = reelectdis + advantage = disadvantagepre + face = prefacere + surface = resurfacedis + regard = disregardpre + school = preschool

Lesson Generalization: A **prefix** is a group of letters added to the beginning of a word to make a word with a different meaning. A prefix can be added directly to a complete word to make a new word. No change is made in the prefix or the base word.

A. Complete the following exercises.

1. Look at the words in the list above. Note that when a prefix is added to each base word, neither the prefix nor the base word changes spelling. What prefix is added to the words in the first column?

_____ Write those words. Circle the prefix in each.

2. What prefix is added to the words in the second column? _____
Write those words. Circle the prefix in each.

3. What prefix is added to the words in the third column? _____
Write those words. Circle the prefix in each.

B. Mix and match prefixes and base words using only the words in the list. Try new combinations until you find real words, and write the words on a separate sheet of paper. Compare your list to a partner's list.

Prefixes and base words

More Practice

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| 1. research | 7. discourage | 13. precaution |
| 2. recondition | 8. disprove | 14. prearrange |
| 3. refuel | 9. disability | 15. prediction |
| 4. revision | 10. disagreement | 16. premature |
| 5. reelect | 11. disadvantage | 17. preface |
| 6. resurface | 12. disregard | 18. preschool |

A. Add the missing vowels to complete each spelling word.

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| 1. d _ s _ dv _ nt _ g _ | 7. d _ s _ b _ l _ ty |
| 2. pr _ c _ _ t _ _ n | 8. r _ s _ _ rch |
| 3. pr _ _ rr _ ng _ | 9. r _ v _ s _ _ n |
| 4. d _ s _ gr _ _ m _ nt | 10. r _ f _ _ l |
| 5. d _ sr _ g _ rd | 11. pr _ f _ c _ |
| 6. pr _ m _ t _ r _ | 12. r _ s _ rf _ c _ |

B. Complete each sentence with a word from the spelling list.

- Did the two boys have a _____ over who would be in charge?
- Did your parents _____ your absence with the attendance office?
- Rina had read only the _____ of the book.
- Mark was doing _____ on sharks for his report.
- The counselors took every _____ to make the camp safe for children.
- The drivers must _____ their cars twice during the race.
- Will losing the contest _____ Fran from trying again?
- The announcement that school would close because of the snow was _____.
- Jim had been absent, so he was at a _____ when he took the test.
- Will your little brother attend _____ this year?
- Leon does not consider his injury to be a serious _____.
- This polish helps to _____ old leather.
- Do you think the class will _____ the same officers?
- We all made a _____ about who would win the World Series.
- The scientist was unable to _____ the excellent research.

Lesson 5

Prefixes and roots

Teaching

in + sist = insist
 con + sist = consist

in + spire = inspire
 con + spire = conspire

in + struct = instruct
 con + struct = construct

in + clude = include
 con + clude = conclude

in + flict = inflict
 con + flict = conflict

de + tain = detain
 re + tain = retain

in + flate = inflate
 de + flate = deflate

de + cline = decline
 re + cline = recline

in + cis + ion = incision
 de + cis + ion = decision

Lesson Generalization: Roots are word parts that cannot stand alone. They grow into words when they are joined to prefixes (added before roots) or suffixes (added after roots). A root can be joined with many different prefixes. Changing the prefix changes the meaning.

in (in, into) + **struct** (build) = **instruct** instruct people
con (together, with) + **struct** (build) = **construct** construct buildings

A. Complete the following exercises.

1. What four prefixes are added to the roots in the word list?

2. Nine roots are used in the words from the word list. Write each root and the two prefixes that have been added to that root.

Prefix	Prefix	Root
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

B. On a separate sheet of paper, write the words from the spelling list with a brief definition for each.

Prefixes and roots

More Practice

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| 1. insist | 7. detain | 13. include |
| 2. consist | 8. retain | 14. conclude |
| 3. instruct | 9. decline | 15. incision |
| 4. construct | 10. recline | 16. decision |
| 5. inflict | 11. inspire | 17. inflate |
| 6. conflict | 12. conspire | 18. deflate |

A. Unscramble the letters and write the spelling word. First, find the letters of the prefix. They are not scrambled.

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| 1. tsinis _____ | 10. siidenco _____ |
| 2. antrei _____ | 11. atdeni _____ |
| 3. riconpes _____ | 12. stconsi _____ |
| 4. elcondu _____ | 13. ledincu _____ |
| 5. siinnoic _____ | 14. creilne _____ |
| 6. iclintf _____ | 15. tsurccont _____ |
| 7. rstcuint _____ | 16. prinesi _____ |
| 8. tlconcfi _____ | 17. nildece _____ |
| 9. feldeat _____ | 18. talfine _____ |

B. Write the word from the spelling list that is the synonym (means the same) or antonym (means the opposite) of each word below.

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| 1. scheme (synonym) _____ | 10. teach (synonym) _____ |
| 2. begin (antonym) _____ | 11. discourage (antonym) _____ |
| 3. cut (synonym) _____ | 12. contain (synonym) _____ |
| 4. demand (synonym) _____ | 13. judgment (synonym) _____ |
| 5. destroy (antonym) _____ | 14. inflate (antonym) _____ |
| 6. stand (antonym) _____ | 15. refuse (synonym) _____ |
| 7. accord (synonym) _____ | 16. impose (synonym) _____ |
| 8. shrink (antonym) _____ | 17. peace (antonym) _____ |
| 9. hold (synonym) _____ | 18. comprise (synonym) _____ |