

Lesson
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Prefixes and base words

Teaching

re + strain	= <u>r</u> estrain	dis + satisfied	= <u>d</u> issatisfied
re + quest	= <u>r</u> equest	dis + charge	= <u>d</u> ischarge
ex + plain	= <u>e</u> xplain	sub + standard	= <u>s</u> ubstandard
ex + change	= <u>e</u> xchange	sub + committee	= <u>s</u> ubcommittee
in + justice	= <u>i</u> njustice	pre + historic	= <u>p</u> rehistoric
in + corporate	= <u>i</u> ncorporate	pre + judge	= <u>p</u> rejudge
de + notation	= <u>d</u> enotation	con + tribute	= <u>c</u> ontribute
de + merit	= <u>d</u> emerit	con + genial	= <u>c</u> ongenial
pro + claim	= <u>p</u> roclaim	per + fume	= <u>p</u> erfume
pro + portion	= <u>p</u> roportion	per + mission	= <u>p</u> ermission

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 base word to form a new word with a different meaning. The spelling of the base word does not change when a prefix is added.

A. Complete the following exercises.

1. How does the addition of a prefix to a base word affect the spelling of the base word?

2. Write the words with their prefixes from the word list. Underline the prefix in each word.

_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

B. Look at each base word in the list above. Can you add another prefix from the list to make a different word? On a separate sheet of paper, write as many new words as you can. Compare your words with a partner's.

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More Practice

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|--------------|----------------|------------------|----------------|
| 1. restrain | 6. incorporate | 11. dissatisfied | 16. prejudge |
| 2. request | 7. denotation | 12. discharge | 17. contribute |
| 3. explain | 8. demerit | 13. substandard | 18. congenial |
| 4. exchange | 9. proclaim | 14. subcommittee | 19. perfume |
| 5. injustice | 10. proportion | 15. prehistoric | 20. permission |

A. Write the spelling word that contains each smaller word. Do not repeat words.

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|---------------|---------------|----------------|
| 1. mitt _____ | 5. sat _____ | 9. it _____ |
| 2. just _____ | 6. rate _____ | 10. his _____ |
| 3. aim _____ | 7. but _____ | 11. port _____ |
| 4. miss _____ | 8. on _____ | 12. rain _____ |

B. Complete this puzzle with words from the spelling list.

Across

- 1. consent
- 3. merge; combine with something else
- 6. not content
- 9. exact meaning of a word
- 10. agreeable

Down

- 1. to form an opinion before having facts
- 2. ask for
- 4. to give
- 5. pleasing fragrance
- 7. trade
- 8. a mark put against someone