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# Prefixes and base words

Teaching

re + double	= <u>re</u> double	con + quest	= <u>con</u> quest
re + commend	= <u>re</u> commend	con + sequence	= <u>con</u> sequence
de + serve	= <u>de</u> serve	sub + urban	= <u>sub</u> urban
de + part	= <u>de</u> part	sub + division	= <u>sub</u> division
ad + join	= <u>ad</u> join	pre + diction	= <u>pre</u> diction
ad + minister	= <u>ad</u> minister	pre + caution	= <u>pre</u> caution
ex + act	= <u>ex</u> act	per + cent	= <u>per</u> cent
ex + claim	= <u>ex</u> claim	per + form	= <u>per</u> form
in + dent	= <u>in</u> dent	pro + pose	= <u>pro</u> pose
in + stall	= <u>in</u> stall	pro + long	= <u>pro</u> long

**Lesson Generalization:** A prefix is a group of letters added to the beginning of a word to make a word with a different meaning. You can add a prefix directly to a base word to form a new word with a different meaning. The spelling of the base word does not change when you add a prefix.

**A.** Answer the following questions on the lines provided.

1. In the first column of the word list, what five prefixes have been added to base words?

Write the words from the first column.

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2. In the second column of the word list, what five prefixes have been added to base words?

Write the words from the second column.

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**B.** Choose eight words from the list above. Scramble the letters of each word and give them to a partner to solve. You unscramble your partner's words.

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*More Practice*

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|--------------|---------------|-----------------|----------------|
| 1. redouble  | 6. administer | 11. conquest    | 16. precaution |
| 2. recommend | 7. exact      | 12. consequence | 17. percent    |
| 3. deserve   | 8. exclaim    | 13. suburban    | 18. perform    |
| 4. depart    | 9. indent     | 14. subdivision | 19. propose    |
| 5. adjoin    | 10. install   | 15. prediction  | 20. prolong    |

**A.** Complete the crossword puzzle with words from the spelling list. Each clue defines a different spelling word.

**Across**

- 1. a foretelling
- 2. to offer advice
- 3. to attach to
- 4. precisely correct
- 7. to fix in position
- 9. result of an action
- 11. an area of land divided into smaller lots
- 12. to double again
- 13. move in from the margin

**Down**

- 1. to lengthen in time
- 3. to manage or direct
- 5. a victory
- 6. a part of one hundred
- 8. located in a suburb
- 10. to suggest

**B.** On a separate sheet of paper write a paragraph that includes at least eight spelling words. Five must be those that were not used in the crossword puzzle above. Have fun with your writing—the paragraph need not be realistic.