

**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?

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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. elccondu _____ | 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) _____   |