

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

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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. iclntf _____ | 15. tsurcont _____ |
| 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) _____ |