

More Words with Prefixes



en-, ex-

con-, com-

pre-, pro-

Read and Say

Basic

1. *propose*
2. *convince*
3. *concern*
4. *enforce*
5. *compare*
6. *excuse*
7. *conduct*
8. *preserve*
9. *contain*
10. *excite*
11. *extend*
12. *prefix*
13. *engage*
14. *pronoun*
15. *consist*
16. *enclose*
17. *consent*
18. *proverb*
19. *compound*
20. *exchange*

READ the sentences. **SAY** each bold word.

Roberto will **propose** a new law.
 Can Maria **convince** you to vote for her?
 Did Dad show **concern** about the problem?
 The police **enforce** the laws.
 Let's **compare** your notes with mine.
 Please **excuse** me for being late.
 Who will **conduct** the meeting?
 Some laws try to **preserve** wildlife.
 What does the box **contain**?
 Do not **excite** the baby.
 We need to **extend** the road by two miles.
 The word *extend* has the **prefix** ex-.
 Did the army **engage** in battle?
 The word *you* is a **pronoun**.
 What does the mixture **consist** of?
 A fence will **enclose** the yard.
 Did they **consent** to your plan?
 A **proverb** is a short saying.
 The word *doorknob* is a **compound** word.
 We should **exchange** addresses.

Think and Write

Each word begins with a prefix. A **prefix** is a word part that is added to the beginning of a base word or a word root, a word part that cannot stand alone.

compare convince enforce excite preserve propose

- What six prefixes do you see? *Com-* is a form of the prefix *con-*. Before which letter is *con-* spelled *com*?

Now write each Basic Word under its prefix.

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| Review | 23. <i>exit</i> |
| 21. <i>compose</i> | 24. <i>common</i> |
| 22. <i>exact</i> | 25. <i>expert</i> |

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| Challenge | 28. <i>convene</i> |
| 26. <i>enactment</i> | 29. <i>preamble</i> |
| 27. <i>procedure</i> | 30. <i>concise</i> |

Independent Practice



Spelling Strategy

Com-, con-, en-, ex-, pre-, and pro- are prefixes. Because you know how to spell the prefix, pay special attention to the spelling of the base word or the word root. Spell the word by parts.

Word Analysis/Phonics Complete the exercises with Basic Words.

1-4. Write the four words with the |s| sound spelled c or ce.

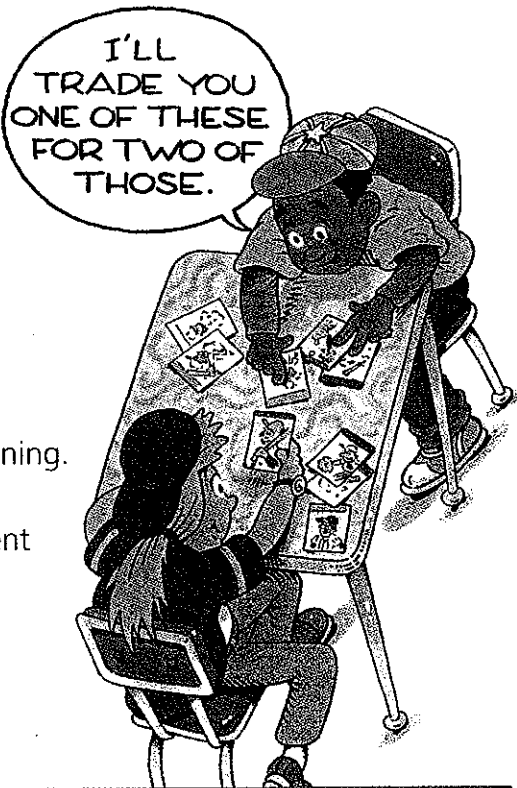
5-6. Write the word that rhymes with each word below.

5. spare 6. pretend

Vocabulary: Synonyms

Write the Basic Word that is a synonym for each word below.

7. protect 11. permission
8. trade 12. surround
9. behavior 13. pardon
10. hold



Challenge Words Write the Challenge Word that fits each meaning. Use your Spelling Dictionary.

14. an introduction to a document
15. a way of doing something
16. to come together
17. passage of a law
18. brief and to the point

Word Analysis

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Vocabulary

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Challenge Words

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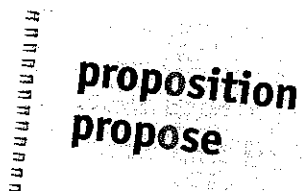
Spelling-Meaning

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Spelling-Meaning Connection

How can you remember how to spell the first schwa sound in *proposition*?

Think of the |ō| sound in the related word *propose*.



19-20. Write *propose* and *proposition*. Underline the letter in *propose* that helps you spell the schwa sound in *proposition*.

Pronunciations

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Changing Prefixes

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Dictionary

Different Pronunciations Some words have different pronunciations when used as different parts of speech. *Excuse* is pronounced with a final [z] sound when used as a verb and with a final [s] sound when used as a noun.

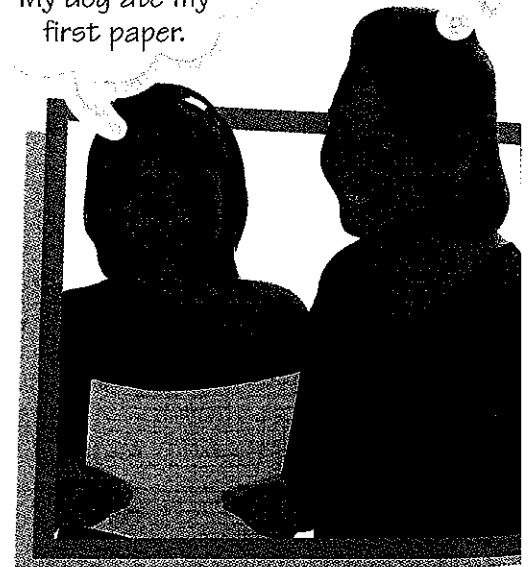
ex·cuse [ɪk skyo͞oz'] *v.* excused, excusing **1.** To forgive: *Please excuse me for what I did.* **2.** To release from a duty or promise. [ɪk skyo͞os'] *n., pl. excuses* Something given as a reason for excusing: *a written excuse for an absence.*

Practice Write the part of speech for each underlined word. Use your Spelling Dictionary.

1. Lauren has a good excuse for being late.
2. Mr. Stern will excuse David from gym today.
3. Please excuse me for interrupting you.
4. Ushers in theaters conduct people to their seat.
5. Ms. Yazzi praised the team for their good conduct.

Please excuse my late homework. My dog ate my first paper.

A classic excuse!



Review: Spelling Spree

Changing Prefixes Change the underlined prefix in each word to write a Basic or Review Word.

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| 6. <u>pre</u> pare | 11. <u>de</u> serve | 16. <u>dis</u> cern |
| 7. <u>in</u> tend | 12. <u>in</u> sist | 17. <u>re</u> cite |
| 8. <u>ac</u> cuse | 13. <u>re</u> sent | 18. <u>su</u> ffix |
| 9. <u>dis</u> close | 14. <u>im</u> pound | 19. <u>de</u> duct |
| 10. <u>re</u> act | 15. <u>de</u> tain | 20. <u>in</u> terchange |

How Are You Doing?

List the spelling words that are hard for you. Practice them with a family member.

Proofreading and Writing

Proofread for Spelling Use proofreading marks to correct ten misspelled Basic or Review Words in this speech.

concern
Example: I have a ~~concern~~ ^{concern} I want to share with you.

A proverb says, "Actions speak louder than words." Our common sense tells us that now is the time for action! We—I emphasize the pronun—must preserve our historic buildings. We have to convince Congress to pass and enforce a law to protect these landmarks. I.M.A. Saver, an expert on colonial architecture, will compose a bill. She will also engage Senator Hy Rise in debate. I propose that everyone support her efforts. Near the exit you will find more information about the debate.

Basic

1. propose
2. convince
3. concern
4. enforce
5. compare
6. excuse
7. conduct
8. preserve
9. contain
10. excite
11. extend
12. prefix
13. engage
14. pronoun
15. consist
16. enclose
17. consent
18. proverb
19. compound
20. exchange

Review

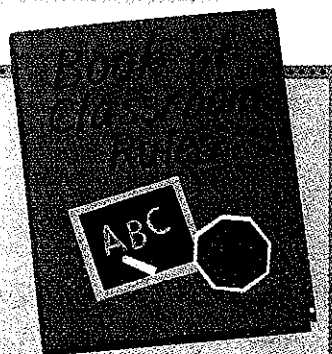
21. compose
22. exact
23. exit
24. common
25. expert

Challenge

26. enactment
27. procedure
28. convene
29. preamble
30. concise

Write a List of Rules

Schools have laws called rules. List some new rules for your school. Try to use five spelling words in your list. Discuss your rules with some classmates.



Proofreading Tip

Check that you did not switch any letters, such as *per* for *pre*.

Proofreading Marks

- ¶ Indent
- ^ Add
- ↵ Delete
- ≡ Capital letter
- / Small letter

Expanding Vocabulary

Spelling Word Link

propose

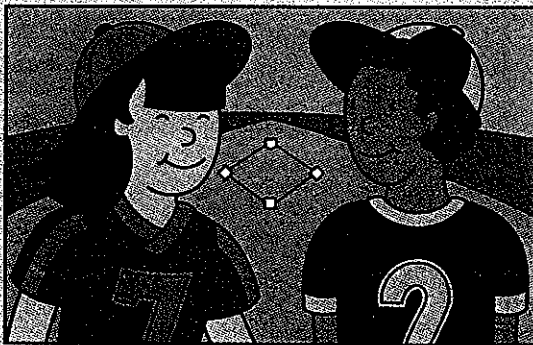
Building New Words with Prefixes The spelling word *propose* is made up of the prefix *pro-* and the word root *pose*. The meaning of *propose* is taken from the meaning of its parts.

pro + pose = propose
 ("before") ("put") ("to suggest or put forth")

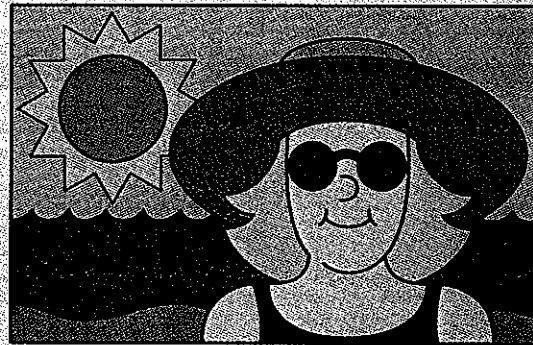
You can make other words simply by using different prefixes with *pose*. The meaning of *pose* will be kept in each word.

op = against **ex** = out **trans** = change **com** = together, with

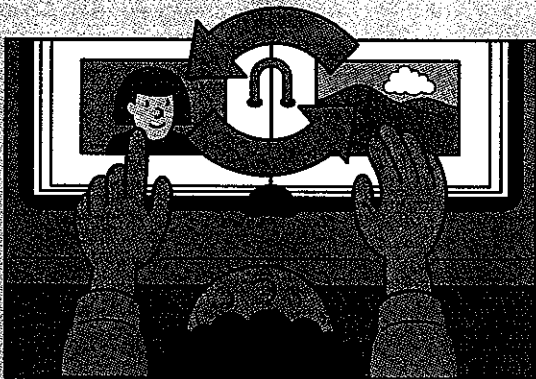
For each picture, add a prefix from the box to *pose* to write a new word that matches the meaning of the picture. Use your Spelling Dictionary.



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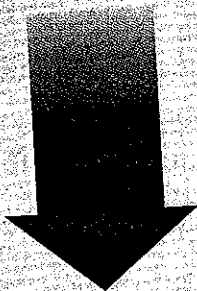


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Show You Know! Use each word you created in a sentence. Write on a separate sheet of paper.

Real-World Connection

Social Studies: Making Laws All the words in the box relate to making laws. Look up these words in your Spelling Dictionary. Then write the words to complete this page.



How does a (1) become a law?

It is debated in Congress. If a member of Congress wants to make changes, he or she attaches an (2) or stages a (3) to delay passage.

Often a (4) for a special-interest group will try to influence votes.

If a (5) of the members vote for the proposed law, it is sent to the President, who can sign the piece of (6) or (7) it.

Once the President signs the proposal, it becomes a (8).

Spelling Word Link

preamble

- veto
- amendment
- legislation
- majority
- statute
- bill
- lobbyist
- filibuster

Try This Challenge

Yes or No? Write *yes* if the underlined word is used correctly. Write *no* if it is not.

9. Congress quickly passed the filibuster.
10. The statute on auto insurance never became law.
11. The President may veto any bill.
12. The majority of senators, 75 to 25, voted *yes*.

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★ Fact File

The first ten amendments to the Constitution are known as the Bill of Rights. They guarantee such basic rights as freedom of speech and freedom of religion.

