

Spelling Practice

TIP

A prefix is a word part that is added to the beginning of a root or base word to make a new word. Every prefix has a meaning, and it changes the meaning of the root or base word.

pre = before, as in preview

re = again or back, as in refills

im and non = not, as in imperfect

con = with or together, as in construct

LIST WORDS

1. *nonsense*
2. *prepaid*
3. *control*
4. *returned*
5. *impractical*
6. *nonstop*
7. *conduct*
8. *preview*
9. *report*
10. *imperfect*
11. *nonprofit*
12. *refills*
13. *construct*
14. *immovable*
15. *precaution*
16. *predict*
17. *convince*
18. *impersonal*
19. *impure*
20. *reaction*

Adding Prefixes

Write each list word under the correct heading.

words with the prefix pre

1. _____ 2. _____

3. _____ 4. _____

words with the prefix im

5. _____ 6. _____

7. _____ 8. _____

9. _____

words with the prefix non

10. _____ 11. _____

12. _____

words with the prefix re

13. _____ 14. _____

15. _____ 16. _____

words with the prefix con

17. _____ 18. _____

19. _____ 20. _____

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Each prefix below has a meaning, and it changes the meaning of the base word or root that it is added to.

ex = out of or from, as in express

de = down or away from, as in defend

dis and **un** = not or the opposite of, as in unclear

ad = to, at, or toward, as in advice

LIST WORDS

1. *express*
2. *design*
3. *unknown*
4. *admit*
5. *unclear*
6. *explore*
7. *disagree*
8. *defend*
9. *unreal*
10. *adventure*
11. *unwise*
12. *disclose*
13. *advice*
14. *excuse*
15. *disinterested*
16. *dishonest*
17. *unprepared*
18. *unpleasant*
19. *advance*
20. *adverb*

Identifying Prefixes

Write each list word under the correct heading.

words with the prefix **un**

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

words with the prefix **ex**

7. _____
8. _____
9. _____

words with the prefix **dis**

10. _____
11. _____
12. _____
13. _____

words with the prefix **ad**

14. _____
15. _____
16. _____
17. _____
18. _____

words with the prefix **de**

19. _____
20. _____

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A compound word is made up of two or more words joined together to make a new word.

A sidewalk is a place to walk near the side of the road.

Study the **list words** to find the words that make up each compound word.

LIST WORDS

1. northwest
2. outdoors
3. everybody
4. teaspoon
5. waterfall
6. downtown
7. schoolhouse
8. southeast
9. supermarket
10. therefore
11. homework
12. sidewalk
13. breakfast
14. outstanding
15. overcoat
16. typewriter
17. horseshoes
18. toothache
19. aircraft
20. knapsack

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Forming Compound Words

Add a word to each word given to write a **list word**.

1. knap _____
2. out _____
3. down _____
4. north _____
5. air _____
6. over _____
7. tea _____
8. home _____
9. every _____
10. tooth _____
11. out _____
12. type _____
13. horse _____
14. break _____
15. water _____
16. there _____
17. school _____
18. super _____
19. south _____
20. side _____

TIP

A synonym is a word that means the same or almost the same as another word. The word long is a synonym for lengthy.

An antonym is a word that means the opposite or almost the opposite of another word. The word brief is an antonym for lengthy.

LIST WORDS

1. *difficult*
2. *tender*
3. *lengthy*
4. *sturdy*
5. *expensive*
6. *repaired*
7. *enormous*
8. *journey*
9. *wearry*
10. *tense*
11. *cautious*
12. *sorrow*
13. *vague*
14. *ancient*
15. *courage*
16. *drowsy*
17. *disbelief*
18. *current*
19. *descend*
20. *rapidly*

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Writing Synonyms and Antonyms

Write the **list word** that best completes each sentence.

1. A hard problem is _____.
2. A long book is _____.
3. A huge elephant is _____.
4. A sleepy baby is _____.
5. A costly ring is _____.
6. Sadness is also _____.
7. A nervous person is _____.
8. A long trip is a _____.
9. A brave person has _____.
10. A fixed watch is _____.
11. Go slowly, not _____.
12. Don't be tough, be _____.
13. Climb up, don't _____.
14. Be energetic, not _____.
15. A modern desk is not _____.
16. A weak floor is not _____.
17. A clear idea is not _____.
18. It isn't trust, it's _____.
19. Reckless people aren't _____.
20. A past issue is not _____.

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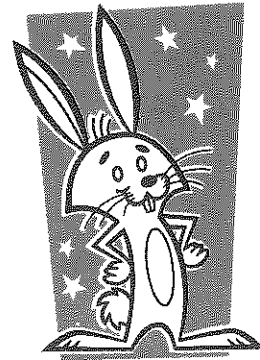
Homonyms are words that sound the same, but have different meanings and spellings.

heel—the back of the foot

heal—to make someone well

The meaning of a sentence helps you know which homonym to use.

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LIST WORDS

1. *tale*
2. *tail*
3. *heel*
4. *heal*
5. *peace*
6. *piece*
7. *plain*
8. *plane*
9. *there*
10. *their*
11. *sense*
12. *scents*
13. *which*
14. *witch*
15. *whose*
16. *who's*
17. *break*
18. *brake*
19. *hair*
20. *hare*

Identifying Homonyms

Write the **list words** that rhyme with each underlined word given.

take

chain

1. _____ 11. _____

2. _____ 12. _____

mail

shoes

3. _____ 13. _____

4. _____ 14. _____

tents

feel

5. _____ 15. _____

6. _____ 16. _____

bear

pitch

7. _____ 17. _____

8. _____ 18. _____

9. _____ grease

10. _____ 19. _____

20. _____