

The Prefix *con-*

Read and Say

Basic

1. *consumer*
2. *control*
3. *constitution*
4. *comment*
5. *confront*
6. *compete*
7. *conference*
8. *computer*
9. *conflict*
10. *commotion*
11. *conquer*
12. *content*
13. *concert*
14. *contact*
15. *confirm*
16. *composition*
17. *conversation*
18. *community*
19. *contest*
20. *complicate*

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

A good **consumer** shops carefully.

Try to **control** your temper.

A **constitution** states a country's basic laws.

Will you **comment** on the book?

The teams will **confront** each other today.

When will the runners **compete**?

I had a **conference** with my teacher.

The **computer** saves time for mathematicians.

Our ideas are in **conflict**.

There was a **commotion** when the bell rang.

I must **conquer** my fear of spiders.

She is **content** to stay home.

The band **concert** is tonight.

My hand came in **contact** with the hot iron.

Can you **confirm** the news about Mike?

The **composition** of that music took a year.

What was your **conversation** with Dad about?

We live in a small **community**.

Who won the spelling **contest**?

Being late will **complicate** our plans.

Think and Write

Each word has the prefix *con-*, meaning "together" or "with."
Sometimes *con-* is spelled *com*.

con + trol = **control** con + ment = **comment**
con + front = **confront** con + pete = **compete**

- Before which consonants is the prefix *con-* spelled *com*?

Now write each Basic Word under its spelling of the prefix *con-*.

*con-**com-*

Review

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|-------------|--------------|
| 21. compare | 23. concern |
| 22. contain | 24. complex |
| | 25. convince |

Challenge

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|-------------------|----------------|
| 26. consequence | 28. commission |
| 27. comprehensive | 29. compensate |
| | 30. compliance |

Independent Practice



Spelling Strategy

The prefix *con-* is often spelled *com* before the consonant *m* or *p*. Find the prefix, the base word or the word root, and any ending. Spell the word by parts.

Word Analysis/Phonics Complete the exercises with Basic Words.

1–3. Write the noun form of each verb below.

1. confer 2. converse 3. compose

4–8. Write five words by adding the prefix *con-* or *com-* to each base word or word root.

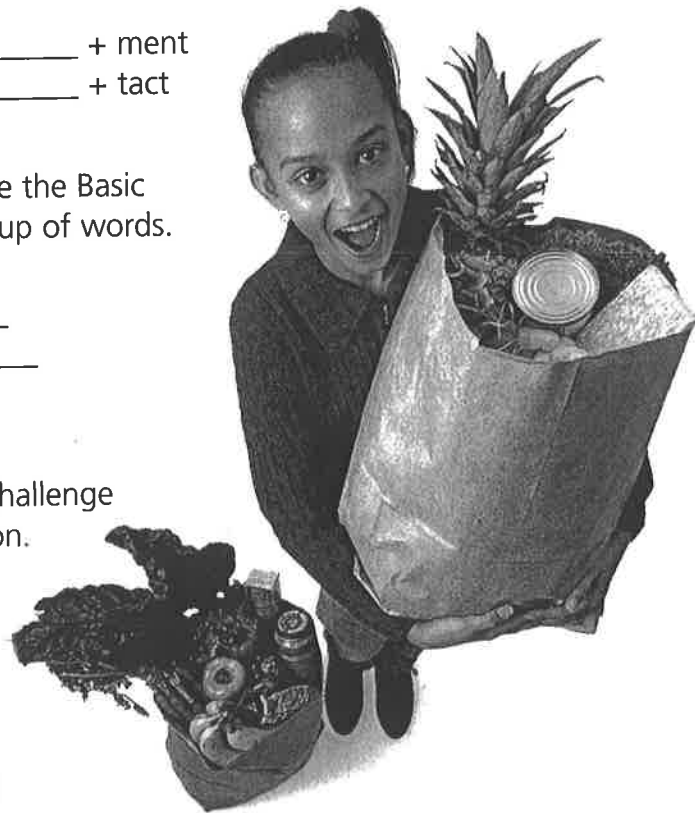
4. _____ + firm 7. _____ + ment
5. _____ + test 8. _____ + tact
6. _____ + motion

Vocabulary: Classifying Write the Basic Word that belongs with each group of words.

9. government, laws, _____
10. recital, performance, _____
11. neighborhood, district, _____
12. keyboard, printer, _____
13. merchant, product, _____

Challenge Words Write the Challenge Word that matches each definition. Use your Spelling Dictionary.

14. obedience
15. thorough
16. an effect or result
17. to make up for
18. the act of doing something



Spelling-Meaning Connection

How can you remember to spell the schwa sound in *compete* with an *o*? Think of the |ō| sound in the related word *competition*.



19–20. Write *compete* and *competition*. Underline the letter in *competition* that helps you spell the schwa sound in *compete*.

Dictionary

Homographs Some words have two dictionary entries.

con•tent¹ |kɒn' tɛnt'| *n.* The amount of a substance contained in something: *Cream has a high fat content.*

con•tent² |kən tɛnt'| *adj.* Happy with what one has: *I am content with my life as it is.* —*v.* To make content or satisfied.

Content¹ and *content²* are homographs. **Homographs** are words with the same spelling but different meanings. Notice that the two words are also pronounced differently.

Practice Write 1 or 2 to show which entry for *content* is used in each sentence.

1. Matthew was not content to be second best.
2. Ocean water has a high salt content.
3. Simple pleasures are enough to content her.
4. What is the wool content of this sweater?



Review: Spelling Spree

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

Example: inference conference

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|-------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| 5. <u>re</u> tain | 11. <u>pro</u> test | 17. <u>dis</u> cern |
| 6. <u>im</u> munity | 12. <u>in</u> firm | 18. <u>im</u> PLICATE |
| 7. <u>in</u> fllict | 13. <u>re</u> position | |
| 8. <u>dis</u> puter | 14. <u>de</u> motion | |
| 9. <u>ex</u> tent | 15. <u>in</u> tact | |
| 10. <u>in</u> stitution | 16. <u>fore</u> front | |



How Are You Doing?
Write your spelling words in ABC order. Practice any misspelled words with a family member.

Proofreading and Writing

Proofread for Spelling Find eleven misspelled Basic or Review Words in this announcement. Write each word correctly.

Special Announcement!

A confrence about consoomer awareness will be held on Friday. Work in consert with other members of the community. Help conker the complecks problems of shopping wisely. Learn how to compair prices and to controll what you spend! Find out how businesses compeat for your dollar. Time is planned for convesation with the speakers, who will be interested in any concern or coment. Try to convience your friends to come too!

Basic

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Write a Business Letter

Have you ever bought a product that did not work properly or that could be made to work better? Write a letter to the manufacturer explaining what is wrong with the product or how it might be improved. Try to use five spelling words.

Proofreading Tip

Check that your *i*'s and *e*'s are written clearly so that readers are not confused.

Proofreading Marks

- ¶ Indent "
- ^ Add
- ⊙ Add a period
- ✂ Delete
- ≡ Capital letter
- / Small letter
- ~ Reverse order

Expanding Vocabulary

Spelling Word Link

conference

consultation
interview
dialogue
chat
argument

Thesaurus: Exact Words for *conversation* Why is *conference* a better word to use in this sentence than *conversation*?

The senators held a **conference** to discuss product safety.

Conference is better because it means "a meeting to discuss a particular subject." A *conversation* is an informal talk.

Write the word from the box that best replaces *conversation* in each sentence. Look up the entry for *conversation* in your Thesaurus if you need help.

1. I had a conversation with Dr. Li about my sprain.
2. A loud conversation arose over the umpire's call.
3. When Jay and I met, we had a friendly conversation.
4. The two actors entertained us with witty conversation.
5. The reporter questioned me during our conversation.

Show You Know! Write three sentences about the pictures. Use an exact word for *conversation* in each sentence.

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