

EXACT TEKS WORDING (FROM TEA)

“determine the meaning of and use words with affixes such as mis, sub, ment, and ity or ty and roots such as auto, graph, and meter”

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN TO ME?

A root is the main word part that carries the meaning.

The Latin root tract means pull or drag.

Add prefixes and suffixes to the root to build new words.

THE SPELLING RULE**Root tract, meaning pull**

**attract subtract tractor extract contract distract
traction attraction retract protractor**

The Latin root tract means pull or drag.

WHERE THEY APPEAR: “A magnet can attract nails, but you can subtract them.”

This deck teaches **Root tract, meaning pull** across the five RPLD thinking levels: **NOTICE → CHOOSE → SHOW → OWN → DEFEND.**

TEKS NOTE: Spelling application: TEKS 4.2.B. Grade 4 names roots in the vocabulary standard 4.3.C; roots as a spelling standard begin at 5.2.B.

TODAY'S THINKING JOB

NOTICE

"I can notice the root."

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Notice the root.

Find the root inside the word.

attract = at + tract

I CAN I can notice the root in a word.

TODAY'S THINKING JOB

CHOOSE

"I can choose the correct spelling."

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Choose the correct spelling.

Which spelling is correct?

subtract • subtrackt • subtrac

I CAN I can choose the correctly spelled word.

TODAY'S THINKING JOB

SHOW**"I can show the rule with a root word."****EXACT TEKS WORDING***"determine the meaning of and use words with affixes such as mis, sub, ment, and ity or ty and roots such as auto, graph, and meter"***Show the rule.**

Build or spell the word.

ex + tract = _____**I CAN** I can build the word correctly.

TODAY'S THINKING JOB

OWN

"I can own the rule with a new word."

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Own the rule.

Build a new word on your own.

dis + tract = _____

I CAN I can spell a new word on my own.

TODAY'S THINKING JOB

DEFEND

"I can explain and transfer the rule."

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Explain and transfer.

Explain the root, then spell one word of your own.

"The bright sign will attract and distract drivers," she said.

I CAN I can explain the root and use a word in my own writing.

Your turn to spell.

Build each word, then use one in a sentence about the reading.

at + tract → _____ **sub + tract** → _____ **ex + tract** → _____ **con + tract** → _____
_____ **dis + tract** → _____

I CAN I can spell words with the root on my own.

Answers, across the five thinking levels.

NOTICE

attract = at + tract.

CHOOSE

subtract is correct.

SHOW

ex + tract = extract.

OWN

dis + tract = distract.

DEFEND

The root keeps its spelling in every word; a correct student word might be subtract, tractor, or extract.

YOUR TURN

attract, subtract, extract, contract, distract

READ THIS SENTENCE.

Which word correctly completes the sentence? In math we add and _____.

Which word correctly completes the sentence?

A subtract

B subtractt

C subtrac

D subtrat

The answer is **A**.

A subtract · Correct. The root tract means pull.

B subtractt · Adds a k before the t.

C subtrac · Drops the final t.

D subtrat · Drops the c.