

EXACT TEKS WORDING (FROM TEA)

“demonstrate and apply spelling knowledge by spelling words using knowledge of prefixes, suffixes, and roots, including Greek and Latin roots”

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN TO ME?

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

The Latin root dict means to say or tell.

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

THE SPELLING RULE**Root dict, meaning say**

predict dictionary dictate contradict verdict
diction dictator prediction unpredictable
contradiction

The Latin root dict means to say or tell.

WHERE THEY APPEAR: “I predict the dictionary will help us spell.”

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

TODAY'S THINKING JOB

NOTICE

"I can notice the root."

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Notice the root.

Find the root inside the word.

predict = pre + dict

I CAN I can notice the root in a word.

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CHOOSE

"I can choose the correct spelling."

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Choose the correct spelling.

Which spelling is correct?

dictionary • dictionery • dictionry

I CAN I can choose the correctly spelled word.

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SHOW

"I can show the rule with a root word."

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Show the rule.

Build or spell the word.

contra + dict = _____

I CAN I can build the word correctly.

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OWN

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

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Own the rule.

Build a new word on your own.

pre + dict = _____

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

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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.

"I predict the dictionary will settle the argument," 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.

pre + dict → _____ **dict + ionary** → _____ **dict + ate** → _____ **contra + dict** → _____
_____ **ver + dict** → _____

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

Answers, across the five thinking levels.

NOTICE

predict = pre + dict.

CHOOSE

dictionary is correct.

SHOW

contra + dict = contradict.

OWN

pre + dict = predict.

DEFEND

The root keeps its spelling in every word; a correct student word might be dictionary, dictate, or contradict.

YOUR TURN

predict, dictionary, dictate, contradict, verdict

READ THIS SENTENCE.

Which word correctly completes the sentence? Look up the word in the _____.

Which word correctly completes the sentence?

A dictionary

B dictionery

C dictionry

D dicshionary

The answer is **A**.

A dictionary · Correct. The root dict means say or tell.

B dictionery · Spells the ending with e.

C dictionry · Leaves out an a.

D dicshionary · Spells dict as dicsh.