

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 root phon means sound; the root tele means far or distant.

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

THE SPELLING RULE**Roots phon and tele**

phonics telephone television telescope
telegraph symphony microphone telephoto
phoneme teleport

The root phon means sound; the root tele means far or distant.

WHERE THEY APPEAR: “The telephone and television both send signals far.”

This deck teaches **Roots phon and tele** 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.

telephone = tele + phone

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?

television • televison • telavision

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.

tele + graph = _____

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.

micro + phone = _____

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.

"We watched the concert on television," 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.

tele + phone → _____ **tele + vision** → _____ **tele + scope** → _____ **tele +**
graph → _____ **sym + phony** → _____

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

Answers, across the five thinking levels.

NOTICE

telephone = tele + phone.

CHOOSE

television is correct.

SHOW

tele + graph = telegraph.

OWN

micro + phone = microphone.

DEFEND

The root keeps its spelling in every word; a correct student word might be telephone, television, or telescope.

YOUR TURN

telephone, television, telescope, telegraph, symphony

READ THIS SENTENCE.

Each choice is one way to spell the same word.

Which word is spelled correctly?

A television

B televison

C telavision

D televisision

The answer is **A**.

A television · Correct. tele means far and vision means sight.

B televison · Leaves out the i in vision.

C telavision · Spells tele with a.

D televission · Doubles the s.