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Spelling

Focus

- **Compound words** are two smaller words that have been put together to form one new word. These two words keep the same spelling in the compound word.
- **Root words** are words that cannot stand alone when all affixes are removed. Most root words come from words in other languages, such as Greek and Latin. Understanding and identifying root words can help you spell many new and unfamiliar words. Here are some roots in the spelling words and their meanings:

sol = alone

scop = to see

stella = star

Practice

**mountainside telescope constellation stellar rattlesnake
desolate solitude periscope solitary microscope**

Write the words from the box that are compound words. Then, write each of the smaller words that make up the compound word.

1. _____ = _____ + _____

2. _____ = _____ + _____

Fill in the missing letters to complete the root words and then write the spelling word.

3. c_nste__ati_n _____

7. __lita_y _____

4. s__itu_e _____

8. st_ll_r _____

5. de__late _____

9. t_l_sco_e _____

6. mic__sc_p_ _____

10. p__i_c_pe _____