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## Prefixes *tele-* and *dis-*

### Focus

- The prefix **tele-** means “far.” Adding *tele-* to a base or root word changes its meaning. For example, *vision* is the ability to see; *television* is the device used to see images broadcast across long distances.
- The prefix **dis-** means “not” or “the opposite of.” Adding *dis-* to a base or root word often creates an antonym, or a word with the opposite meaning. For example, *disobey* is an antonym for *obey*; *disadvantage* means the opposite of *advantage*.

### Practice

Complete each sentence below with a word from the box that begins with either *tele-* or *dis-*.

**telecommunications**  
**discomfort**

**disagreement**  
**telephone**

**telegraph**  
**disorder**

1. People who cannot agree are having a \_\_\_\_\_.
2. The \_\_\_\_\_ is a device that allows sound to travel over long distances.
3. When things are out of order they are in \_\_\_\_\_.
4. If relaxing on a soft couch brings comfort, then sitting on rocky ground brings \_\_\_\_\_.
5. The business of \_\_\_\_\_ includes all the different ways people communicate across long distances.
6. Samuel Morse helped invent the \_\_\_\_\_, which sent signals over long distances.