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Spelling

Focus

- A prefix changes the meaning of the base or root word it comes before. The prefix **tele-** means “far” or “at a distance.”

- The prefix **dis-** means “not” or “not having.” It negates the base or root 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 root words in the spelling words and their meanings:

nat = born

imag = likeness

Practice

**telegraph nationality dishonest television disadvantage
imagine telecast discontinue nationalize imaginary**

Read the misspelled spelling words below. Choose the correctly spelled word from the box. Write the word on the line.

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| 1. telavishun _____ | 6. telegraff _____ |
| 2. umajun _____ | 7. diskuntinyou _____ |
| 3. nashanalutee _____ | 8. disonist _____ |
| 4. disedvantige _____ | 9. telikast _____ |
| 5. imagenairy _____ | 10. nasionilize _____ |