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Spelling

Focus

- **Compound words** are words made up of two smaller words put together to make one new word.
- A prefix changes the meaning of the base or root word it comes before. Knowing the meaning of prefixes can help you figure out difficult and unfamiliar words. The prefix *in-* can mean “not, lacking, or lack of.” The prefix creates an antonym of the base or root word.

Practice

indefinite	eyewitness	inefficient	inaccurate	windshield
headquarters	inexperienced	infinite	overindulge	inconsiderate

On the line, write the spelling word from the box that is the antonym, or opposite, of each word below.

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| 1. efficient | _____ | 4. experienced | _____ |
| 2. definite | _____ | 5. accurate | _____ |
| 3. considerate | _____ | 6. finite | _____ |

Circle the compound word in parentheses that best completes the sentence. Then, write the word on the line.

- I always (overindulge, headquarters) on snacks at parties. _____
- The (eyewitness, windshield) wipers on our car stopped working during the storm.

- The robber was taken to police (eyewitness, headquarters) for questioning.

- The driver of the car was fortunate that an (windshield, eyewitness) saw the entire accident. _____