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# Spelling

## Focus

- **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:

**port** = carry; **sign** = mark.

- A prefix changes the meaning of the base word it comes before. The prefix **ir-** means “not.” It is added before words that begin with the letter *r*.
- The prefix **dis-** can mean “opposite,” “lack of,” “not,” “undoing,” or “reverse of.”

## Practice

discouraged	portable	irrelevant	disembark	irrefutable
transportation	signature	insignia	irrational	irreparable

Read each word below. If the word is misspelled, replace it with the correctly spelled word from the box. If the word is spelled correctly, write **correct** on the line.

- ensigne \_\_\_\_\_
- portable \_\_\_\_\_
- earashunal \_\_\_\_\_
- transpertasion \_\_\_\_\_
- ireprubble \_\_\_\_\_
- discouraged \_\_\_\_\_
- eruphutable \_\_\_\_\_
- disembark \_\_\_\_\_
- earelevent \_\_\_\_\_
- signacher \_\_\_\_\_