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# Spelling

## Focus

**Root words** are words that cannot stand alone when all affixes are removed. 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:

*loc* = "place," *fac* = "make," *graph* = "write," *pop* = "people," *vac* = "empty,"  
*man* = "hand," *bene* = "well," *aut* or *auto* = "self," *geo* = "earth"

## Practice

geography	dislocate	manufacture	evacuate	allocate
benefactor	population	graphite	vacancy	autograph

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

- We had to (vacancy, evacuate) the burning building. \_\_\_\_\_
- The town's (population, graphite) declined steadily over the past decade. \_\_\_\_\_
- My grandparents (dislocate, allocate) money each year for my college fund. \_\_\_\_\_
- The company decided to no longer (benefactor, manufacture) t-shirts after its sales declined. \_\_\_\_\_
- It would be exciting to get the President's (autograph, geography). \_\_\_\_\_

**Read each word below. If the word is misspelled, write its correct spelling on the line. If the word is spelled correctly, write the word correct on the line.**

- grafyte \_\_\_\_\_
- benifakter \_\_\_\_\_
- vacancy \_\_\_\_\_
- jeeogruffee \_\_\_\_\_
- dislocate \_\_\_\_\_