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Read the spelling words and sentences.

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| 1. underground | <i>underground</i> | A mole lives underground . |
| 2. interchange | <i>interchange</i> | It was an interchange of ideas. |
| 3. intramural | <i>intramural</i> | He plays intramural soccer. |
| 4. submarine | <i>submarine</i> | The submarine is underwater. |
| 5. underneath | <i>underneath</i> | Dust is underneath the bed. |
| 6. midsummer | <i>midsummer</i> | Our picnic is in midsummer . |
| 7. interstate | <i>interstate</i> | Is this an interstate highway? |
| 8. supersonic | <i>supersonic</i> | He pilots a supersonic aircraft. |
| 9. undercover | <i>undercover</i> | She is an undercover officer. |
| 10. intrastate | <i>intrastate</i> | Our intrastate taxes rose. |
| 11. interact | <i>interact</i> | Some toddlers interact well. |
| 12. midway | <i>midway</i> | We plan to meet midway . |
| 13. underpass | <i>underpass</i> | A car stalled in the underpass . |
| 14. superstar | <i>superstar</i> | He is a baseball superstar . |
| 15. subway | <i>subway</i> | Did you travel by subway ? |
| 16. intersect | <i>intersect</i> | Those two streets intersect . |
| 17. supervise | <i>supervise</i> | She will supervise the project. |
| 18. interface | <i>interface</i> | Will all the software interface ? |
| 19. subtotal | <i>subtotal</i> | Add tax to the bill's subtotal . |
| 20. interview | <i>interview</i> | A reporter will interview you. |

Think & Sort the spelling words.

- 1–2. Write the words with the prefix **mid-**.
- 3–9. Write the words with the prefix **under-** or **sub-**.
- 10–12. Write the words with the prefix **super-**.
- 13–18. Write the words with the prefix **inter-**.
- 19–20. Write the words with the prefix **intra-**.

Remember

Add prefixes to base and root words to make new words. Prefixes that relate to position include **mid-** ("middle"), **under-** and **sub-** ("under" and "beneath"), **super-** ("above"), **inter-** ("between"), and **intra-** ("within").

**Spelling
Tutor**

Word Meanings

Write the spelling word that could best replace each underlined word or phrase. Check your answers in the **Spelling Dictionary**.

1. The puppies did not cooperate well with each other.
2. The heat in the middle of the summer can be unbearable.
3. Parts of an electrical system must interact at a common point smoothly.
4. We are supposed to meet them where the two roads cross.
5. The mutual exchange of ideas at the meeting helped us all.
6. He asked us to oversee the building project.
7. Add the tip to the partial total of our dinner check.

Word Clues

Write the spelling word that matches each definition. Circle the prefix in each word you write.

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| 8. middle distance | 12. above the speed of sound |
| 9. below ground | 13. road beneath a railroad |
| 10. beneath cover | 14. train beneath the ground |
| 11. below sea | 15. between one state and another |



Use the
Dictionary

16–20. Knowing how to alphabetize will help you find words in a dictionary. When words have the same first letter, look at the second letter. If the first two letters are the same, continue looking until you find a letter that is different. Write these spelling words in alphabetical order.

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underneath	intrastate	

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underground	interchange	intramural	submarine	underneath
midsummer	interstate	supersonic	undercover	intrastate
interact	midway	underpass	superstar	subway
intersect	supervise	interface	subtotal	interview

Make Inferences

Write the spelling word that you think of when you read each clue. Circle the two words that are commonly confused.

1. I can't let anyone know that I'm really a police officer.
2. She couldn't find her book because there was a tall stack of books on top of it.
3. Fans lined up for days to get tickets to one of his concerts.
- 4-5. Did you go west across Texas or east from Texas to Louisiana?

Complete the Sentences

Write a spelling word to complete each sentence.

6. The truck was too big to get through the ____.
7. I must get these two software programs to ____.
8. There is a disabled car where the two roads ____.
9. The first ____ flight occurred in 1947.
10. He is organizing an ____ basketball league after school.
11. The senator answered many questions during the ____.
12. Don asked the cashier for a ____ before she rang up his bill.
13. The sonar picked up a signal from a nearby ____.
14. You can ____ the parts of these two machines.



Use Context Clues

Write spelling words from the box to complete the paragraph.

Construction on the city's new 15. is going smoothly. The 16. heat made the work difficult for those working in small 17. spaces. "Thanks to your hard work," the foreman told his workers, "we are at the 18. point in the project. You have shown that you can 19. well together. It is a pleasure to 20. you."

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Proofread a Paragraph

Proofread the paragraph below for ten misspelled words. Then rewrite the paragraph. Write the spelling words correctly and make the corrections indicated by the proofreading marks.

⌘ Roads allow people in different ~~C~~ommunities to intertact. Yesterday's dirt roads are today's multilane highways. Many people travel on intrasteatte highways. ⓪ The large volume of traffic has made it necessary to construct expressways undergrownd. It is not unusual to see an intersteatte highway underneeth a building or park. to avoid traffic hazards at points where roads intercect, an underpas is often constructed. In addition, signs clearly mark an intirchange, avoiding confusion and accidents. Often, road ~~C~~onstruction takes place in midsummer. The people who supervize a construction project have an important job.

Proofreading Marks

≡	Make Uppercase
/	Make Lowercase
^	Add
~	Delete
⓪	Add a Period
⌘	Indent

Informative/Explanatory Writing

Write a Paragraph

Write or type a paragraph about the construction of a road, a commercial building, or a new home in your community. How did the construction affect life in your community? Was there opposition to the project? Use as many spelling words as you can.

- Use the writing process: prewrite, draft, revise, edit, and publish.
- Include signal words to let your readers know the sequence of events. What happened first? What happened next? How did it end?
- Use complete sentences with correct capitalization, punctuation, grammar, and spelling.
- Use the spell-check function in word processing and a print or online dictionary to check spelling.

Transfer

Think of six more position words with the prefixes **under-**, **sub-**, **super-**, **inter-**, **intra-**, and **mid-**.

Write the words in alphabetical order in your Spelling Journal and circle the prefixes.

Extend & Transfer

Word Study

Word Building

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underline	underneath	intrastate	intermission	interfere
subhead	midsummer	interact	midpoint	superpower
internal	interstate	midway	subterranean	underlying
midafternoon	subway	underpass	superficial	
underground	supervise	superstar	underestimate	
interchange	interview	intersect	midyear	
intramural	supersonic	interface	interject	

Word Building

Find a synonym for each base or root word below. Then add a prefix to each synonym to make a word from the list above.

1. sea

2. sound

3. blanket

4. strength

5. celebrity

6. sum

7. see

8. evening

Meaning Mastery

9–10. Write the words whose base word is a synonym for **route**.

11–12. Write the words that contain the prefix that means "within."

Pattern Power

13–17. Write the words that contain the prefix **inter-** added to a base word. If a word has already been used in an activity on this page, do not write it again. Circle the word that is sometimes confused with **intersection**.

18–20. Write the words that contain the prefix **sub-**. If a word has already been used in an activity on this page, do not write it again.

Technology



Word Hunt

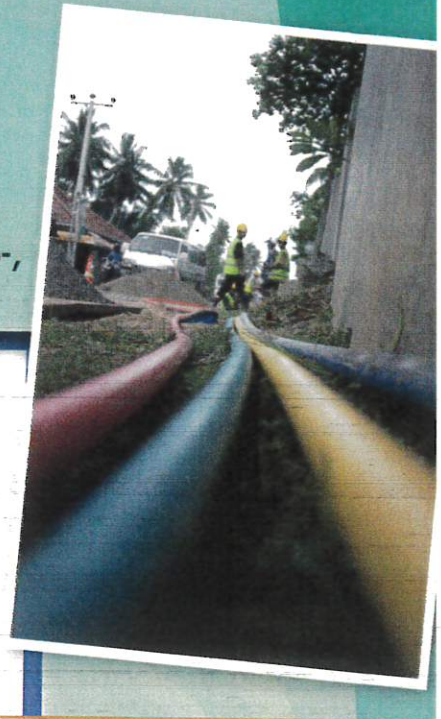
Read the paragraphs below. Look for words with the prefixes **under-**, **sub-**, **super-**, **inter-**, **intra-**, and **mid-**.

Who knew that millions of underground cables would one day allow us to communicate with our friends at supersonic speeds? Well, the people that created the Internet may have had a clue. After all, as far back as 1962, one of the creators used to write about plans for an intergalactic network. He saw it as a network by which all people would be interconnected.

Years later, that network is in place. We use the Internet for many things. We might research rainforests for a school report, then submit that report to the teacher, and finally, brag to our friends about our grade—all on the Internet.

One thing the Internet developers may not have predicted is the popularity of social networking. Many social network sites began as a way for college students to interact with each other, but one should not underestimate the power of the Internet. Soon the sites had more than just internal groups. Schools from all over the country connected. People who weren't in school joined the groups. Now, social networking sites allow the whole world to exchange thoughts and ideas.

Perhaps we're only at the midpoint in the life of the Internet. One can only imagine its next innovation.



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WORD SORT

- 1–2. Write the words with the prefixes **super-** and **sub-**.
- 3–5. Write the words with the prefixes **mid-** and **under-**. Circle the word that is easily confused with **midway**.
- 6–10. Write the words with the prefix **inter-**.