Assimilated Prefix: com-

h Grade Connections to THINKING



Read the spelling words and sentences.

And he have a find the		
1. commercial	commercial	Gina is in that pizza commercial.
2. colleague	colleague	A colleague of mine is in charge.
 3. correlate	correlate	His plans correlate with my plans.
4. cooperation	cooperation	I am relying on your cooperation.
 5. commend	commend	We commend you for your generos
 6. correspondence	correspondence	They shared a long correspondence
7. coordinate	coordinate	I will coordinate their arrival.
8. commuter	commuter	He is a commuter who takes the tr
9. collaborate	collaborate	We will collaborate on a new song
10. corruption	corruption	He rid city hall of corruption.
11. collide	collide	What happens when atoms collide
12. correction	correction	She made a spelling correction.
13. commute	commute	How long is her commute to work
14. correspond	correspond	They correspond daily by e-mail.
15. commemorate	commemorate	We will commemorate the victory.
16. coordination	coordination	Party planning takes coordination
 17. commodity	commodity	One valuable commodity is wheat.
18. corrode	corrode	What caused the pipes to corrode?
19. collapse	collapse	Heavy snow made the roof collapse
20. collision	collision	My car was damaged in a collision

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Think & Sort the spelling words.

- 1-3. Write the words in which the assimilated prefix is spelled co-.
- 4-8. Write the words in which the assimilated prefix is spelled col-.
- 9-14. Write the words in which the assimilated prefix is spelled cor-.
- **15–20.** Write the words in which the assimilated prefix is spelled **com**-.

Remember

The prefix com-, meaning "together" or "with," may be assimilated into the spelling of a base word or a root. If the base word begins with a consonant, this may result in a double consonant.





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Word Meanings

Write a spelling word for each definition.

- 1. to honor the memory of
- 2. similarity; communication by the exchange of letters
- 3. having profit as a chief aim; an advertisement on radio or television
- **4.** to be similar, parallel, equivalent, or equal; to communicate by letter, usually over a period of time
- **5.** an article of trade or commerce, especially an agricultural or mining product
- **6.** to substitute (one thing for another); to travel from one place to another
- 7. to have or to make a parallel or complementary relationship to something

Word Structure

Replace the underlined affixes with different affixes to write spelling words.

8. elaborate

12. amend

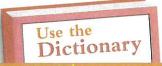
9. directed

13. relapse

10. <u>erupted</u>

14. permutation

11. erode



Write a spelling word for each etymology. Use the **Spelling Dictionary** if you need help.

- 15–16. Lat. co(m), same + ordinatio, arrangement < ordinare, to arrange in order < ordo, order.
 - 17. Lat. collega: co(m), together + legare, to depute (to appoint).
 - 18. Lat. co(m), same + operari, to work < opus, work.
- 19-20. Lat. collidere: co(m), together + laedere, to strike.

Word	Meani	ngs

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Word Structure

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Use the Dictionary

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Replace the Words 2. 3. 5. 6. 7. 9. **Use Context Clues** 10. 11. 12. 13. 14. 15. 16. 17. 18. 19. 20.

Connections to READING

colleague commuter collide corrode correlate coordinate correction collapse commercial correspondence commemorate coordination

cooperation collaborate correspond commodity commend corruption commute collision

Replace the Words

Write spelling words to replace the underlined words in the sentences.

- 1-2. A traveler may travel to work and back on the train.
 - 3. Players wear padding to keep them safe if they clash.
- **4–6.** Widespread <u>dishonesty</u> among employees can <u>wear away</u> a company from within and cause its <u>breakdown</u>.
 - 7. Does his sudden popularity have a direct relationship with his winning the lottery?
 - 8. We made a radio advertisement to promote our school play.
 - 9. A gymnast needs excellent balanced interaction of muscles.

Use Context Clues

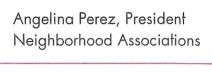
Write spelling words from the box to complete the letter to the editor of a newspaper.

To the Editor:

Certain groups in our community are on a 10. course because of town planning. Some want to 11. our historical heritage by saving old buildings. Others want to erect skyscrapers. If these groups would 12. their efforts in a spirit of 13., they should be able to 14. on town planning to link old and new. The old brownstones in our town are a precious 15. I, for one, 16. the effort to preserve them. I also recognize the need for new facilities, such as the bus terminal. I learned through written 17. with a former 18. that a major 19. has been made to the design of the terminal. The structure will now 20. to the old architecture of the town.

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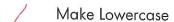
Proofread a Paragraph

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.

Fairborough is only a short comute by comutor train to a major city, and the town has no correspondance to the city in character. In the city, it is easy to colide with people on the crowded sidewalks. In fairborough, open space is a valued comodaty, and residents treasure the town's slow pace. At the center of Fairborough is a stone statue of a colonial soldier. It was erected to comemorate the brave people who fought in the Revolutionary War. Just beyond the statue is our new town hall, where officials collaberate on resolving issues, such as whether to allow big companies to build comercial properties in town. Because fairborough residents care so much, town meetings are always packed. The cooperacion of the residents usually leads to the speedy corection of problems.

Proofreading Marks







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Informative/Explanatory Writing

Write a Paragraph

Write a paragraph describing your city or town.

- Think about the buildings, parks, monuments, and natural landmarks that make your hometown special.
- Use vivid words to describe in detail what makes your hometown attractive.
- Use as many spelling words as you can.
- Proofread for grammar, capitalization, and punctuation.
- Circle three words you are unsure about. Check their spelling in a print or online dictionary.

Transfer

Brainstorm five more words that begin with the assimilated prefix com-. Think of words that begin with co + double consonants, such as connotation and coffee. Then look up the new word and check that the etymology of the new word includes "Latin com-." (Coffee does not.)

Word Usage 2. 5. 6. **Base Words and Roots** 7. 8. 9. 10. 11. 12. 13. 14. Meaning Mastery 15. 16. 17. 18. 19. 20.

Word Study

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corrode	
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cooperate	
collateral	
correlate	
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collide	
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correspond commander commissioner correspondence commendable commemorate coordination compensate commodity

collaborate cooperation corroborate collision correct correction corruption commercial correlation colleague
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colloquial
commute
coordinate
committed
corruptible
cooperative
corrosion

Word Usage

The word **correlate** can be used as a noun, a verb, or an adjective. Use other words from the list above to complete the tasks below.

- 1-3. Write the words that can be used as nouns or as verbs.
- 4-6. Write the words that can be used as nouns or adjectives.

Base Words and Roots

Write the words from the box that belong in the word groups below.

- 7-8. commendation, recommend, commended
- 9-10. corrosive, corroded
- 11-12. corrupt, corrupted
 - 13. commission, decommission, commissary
 - 14. coincidental, coincidence

Meaning Mastery

Fill in each blank using a word from the list above.

15. The evidence helps to _____ his story.

16–17 Synchronized swimming requires flexibility, , and .

Workers are paid wages to them for	their work.

- 19. How do you ____ with Mary, by text, e-mail, or snail mail?
- 20. Someone who works in your line of business is your _____.

Math Word Hunt

Read the paragraphs below. Look for words with the assimilated prefix com-.

Air traffic controllers are a kind of modern-day mathematician. They are responsible for the safety of thousands of lives every single day. Perched high in an airport control tower, the controller may not even be able to see all the commercial jets waiting to take off and land. But it is the controller's job to know where every plane is at every moment. He or she needs to calculate exactly how fast the planes are moving and coordinate each pilot's movements so that the planes don't collide. It's a stressful job!

Air traffic controllers have many special computers and high-tech instruments in front of them. Even so, controllers need a great deal of mathematical knowledge in order to tell pilots how to make quick corrections to account for wind and airplane speed and angles. These alert professionals are to be commended. Their moment-to-moment coordination of constantly-moving planes

in every direction is essential. They help planes avoid a horrible collision.

Air traffic controllers' ability to collaborate with colleagues is equally important. Controllers sit very close to each other. This way, a controller can get a second expert's quick mathematical confirmation. Such instant cooperation between experts has saved untold numbers of lives!

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