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Introduction to the prefix ex- meaning "out, out of, from"

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[Figure1]

Ex- is a prefix that means “out, out of, from.”

Note that a base that can stand free as a word is called a **free base**. A base that cannot stand free as a word is called a **bound base**. In the word *exacting*, *act* is a free base, but in the word *expanded*, *pand* is a bound base because it cannot stand free as a word.

Examples

Each of the following words contains the prefix ex-.

Word	= Prefix	+ Base	+ Suffix
exacting	= ex	+ <i>act</i>	+ <i>ing</i>
expanded	= ex	+ <i>pand</i>	+ <i>ed</i>

Review

Analyze each word into its prefix, base, and suffix. We've given you a hand here and there.

Word	= Prefix	+ Base	+ Suffix
1. excitement	=	+	+ <i>ment</i>
2. explorer	=	+	+
3. excluding	=	+	+
4. exclaiming	=	+	+
5. exposure	=	+	+ <i>ure</i>
6. excluded	=	+	+
7. expertise	=	+	+ <i>ise</i>
8. extender	=	+	+

Analyze each word into its three elements and be ready to discuss how the meanings of the prefix and the bound base lead to the meaning of the word.

Word	= Prefix	+ Bound Base	+ Suffix	Meaning of Base
9. excepted	=	+	+	"take, seize"
10. excesses	=	+	+	"go, withdraw"
11. exceeding	=	+	+	"go, withdraw"
12. exhibits	=	+	+	"hold, possess, have, handle"

Review (Answers)

Word	= Prefix	+ Base	+ Suffix
1. excitement	= <i>ex</i>	+ <i>cite</i>	+ <i>ment</i>
2. explorer	= <i>ex</i>	+ <i>plor e</i> /	+ <i>er</i>
3. excluding	= <i>ex</i>	+ <i>clud e</i> /	+ <i>ing</i>
4. exclaiming	= <i>ex</i>	+ <i>claim</i>	+ <i>ing</i>
5. exposure	= <i>ex</i>	+ <i>pos e</i> /	+ <i>ure</i>
6. expanded	= <i>ex</i>	+ <i>pand</i>	+ <i>ed</i>
7. expertise	= <i>ex</i>	+ <i>pert</i>	+ <i>ise</i>
8. extender	= <i>ex</i>	+ <i>tend</i>	+ <i>er</i>

Word	= Prefix	+ Bound Base	+ Suffix	Meaning of Base
9. excepted	= <i>ex</i>	+ <i>cept</i>	+ <i>ed</i>	"take, seize"
10. excesses	= <i>ex</i>	+ <i>cess</i>	+ <i>es</i>	"go, withdraw"
11. exceeding	= <i>ex</i>	+ <i>ceed</i>	+ <i>ing</i>	"go, withdraw"
12. exhibits	= <i>ex</i>	+ <i>hibit</i>	+ <i>s</i>	"hold, possess, have, handle"

Explore More

All of the words in each of the following four sets contain the same bound base. Each word also contains a prefix and a suffix. Analyze each word in each set into prefix plus bound base plus suffix. Show any [assimilation](#).

	Word	= Prefix	+ Bound Base	+ Suffix
Set #1	prohibited	=	+	+
	inhibiting	=	+	+
	exhibition	=	+	+
Set #2	proceeded	=	+	+
	succeeds	=	+	+
	exceeding	=	+	+
Set #3	recesses	=	+	+
	successes	=	+	+
	accessed	=	+	+
Set #4	concepts	=	+	+
	accepted	=	+	+
	reception	=	+	+
	intercepted	=	+	+

[Figure2]

Explore More (Answers)

	Word	= Prefix	+ Bound Base	+ Suffix
Set #1	prohibited	= <i>pro</i>	+ <i>hibit</i>	+ <i>ed</i>
	inhibiting	= <i>in</i>	+ <i>hibit</i>	+ <i>ing</i>
	exhibition	= <i>ex</i>	+ <i>hibit</i>	+ <i>ion</i>
Set #2	proceeded	= <i>pro</i>	+ <i>ceed</i>	+ <i>ed</i>
	succeeds	= <i>su</i> <i>b</i> + <i>c</i>	+ <i>ceed</i>	+ <i>s</i>
	exceeding	= <i>ex</i>	+ <i>ceed</i>	+ <i>ing</i>
Set #3	recesses	= <i>re</i>	+ <i>cess</i>	+ <i>es</i>
	succeeds	= <i>su</i> <i>b</i> + <i>c</i>	+ <i>cess</i>	+ <i>es</i>
	accessed	= <i>a</i> <i>d</i> + <i>c</i>	+ <i>cess</i>	+ <i>ed</i>
Set #4	concepts	= <i>co</i> <i>m</i> + <i>n</i>	+ <i>cept</i>	+ <i>s</i>
	accepted	= <i>a</i> <i>d</i> + <i>c</i>	+ <i>cept</i>	+ <i>ed</i>
	reception	= <i>re</i>	+ <i>cept</i>	+ <i>ion</i>
	intercepted	= <i>inter</i>	+ <i>cept</i>	+ <i>ed</i>

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