

GRADE 6 SAMPLE

Unit 3: Latin Roots and Prefix: *tract/phon/son/mis/mal*

Name _____



A. Partner or Small Group: What’s your theory? Based on what you know of the meanings of these words or parts of them, what do the roots *tract*, *phon* and *son*, and the prefixes *mis* and *mal* mean?

tract	phon, son
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • tractor • attract • extract 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • telephone • homophone • symphony • unison • sonar • dissonant
mis	mal
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • misinform • mispronounce 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • malformation • malady

Theory: I think ‘tract’ means: _____

Theory: I think ‘phon’ and ‘son’ mean: _____

Theory: I think ‘mis’ means: _____

Theory: I think ‘mal’ means: _____

B. Use your resources. Refer to your “Scrutinizing Words” resource.

Check: ‘tract’ means: _____

Check: ‘phon’ and ‘son’ mean: _____

Check: ‘mis’ means: _____

Check: ‘mal’ means: _____

C. Do the other parts of the word mean something too?



Using “Scrutinizing Words,” look at other parts of the words in the word box. Write the **meanings of the word parts** in the second column. Write how the word parts come together for you in a definition in the third column. Write the dictionary definition.

Word	Meanings of Parts	My Definition	Dictionary Definition
unison			
homophone			
telephone			
extract			
contract			
mistake			
misspeak			
malediction			

PART ONE—Practice with ‘tract,’ ‘phon,’ ‘son,’ ‘mis,’ and ‘mal’

Match the words to the definition by putting the letter in the correct blank.

(Hint: Highlight, or mark differently, words in the definitions that go together. This might help you match to the correct word form.)

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| _____ 1. sonorous | A. a song-like poem |
| _____ 2. malaria | B. strong or deep in tone |
| _____ 3. traction | C. the study of the sounds of speech and their letters |
| _____ 4. malpractice | D. to lead or guide in the wrong direction |
| _____ 5. unison | E. capable of producing sound |
| _____ 6. supersonic | F. sounding the same note at the same time |
| _____ 7. resonant | G. improper care or treatment of a patient by a doctor |
| _____ 8. phonics | H. an illness thought to come from bad air; it is actually carried by mosquitoes. |
| _____ 9. sonnet | I. pulling or drawing a vehicle or load over a surface |
| _____ 10. mislead | J. greater than the speed of sound |



PART TWO—If-Then

Fill in the blanks with an educated guess based on your knowledge of *tract*, *phon*, *son*, *mis*, and *mal*. Then check the dictionary to make sure you’re right!

1. If ‘fac’ means ‘make or do,’ then a ‘malefactor’ is someone who _____

2. If ‘nom’ means ‘name,’ then a ‘misnomer’ is a _____

If “mis” and “mal” mean _____, then:

3. ‘misinform’ means _____

4. ‘misinterpret’ means _____

5. ‘malformed’ means _____

6. ‘misplaced’ means _____

7. If I can’t get someone to do something I want, he or she is ‘intractable.’ Explain how the word parts work together to fit this situation. _____

8. If my friend and I have a ‘protracted’ argument, what kind of argument is it? _____

9. If a cat ‘retracts’ its claws, then it must be _____

10. If ‘sub’ means ‘under’ or ‘below,’ how does that relate to the meaning of ‘subtract?’ _____

11. What does “spyware” do on your computer? _____

12. What does “malware” do on your computer? _____

Game Alert! Play Concentration (mis/mal, and tract)!

PART THREE—Which One Doesn't Belong?

Use what you know about the meanings of the word forms in this lesson. Make a hypothesis about which word does not belong. Use your dictionary to check your hypothesis.

Circle the word that doesn't belong. Tell what root or prefix **meaning** three words share. Then write the **definition** of the "odd" word. *One is done for you.*

1. sonar sonic phony symphony

Three words: contain "phon" or "son" which means "sound"

Odd word: "phony" means fake or not real.

2. subtract distract track contract

Three words: _____

Odd word: _____

3. malignant malleable malfunction malice

Three words: _____

Odd word: _____

4. misery mistrust mistrial misstep

Three words: _____

Odd word: _____

5. misunderstand misuse missal misprint

Three words: _____

Odd word: _____

