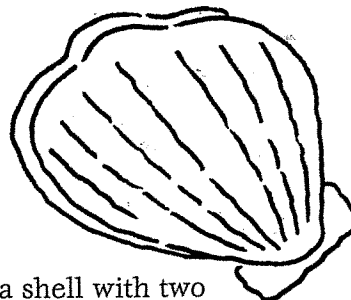


Prefixes **bi-**, **com-**, **il-**, **hydro-**, **mono-**

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A **PREFIX** IS A WORD PART THAT HAS BEEN ADDED TO THE BEGINNING OF A WORD AND CHANGES THE WORD'S MEANING.



A **bivalve** is a shell with two parts that hinge together.

bi- means "two"

com- means "with"

il- means "not"

hydro- means "water"

mono- means "single"

A **biannual** event occurs twice a year.

If you **commiserate** with someone, you feel sorrow for his or her trouble.

When you **compile** things, you collect them. / Something that is **illegal** is against the law.

A person who does not know how to read or write is **illiterate**.

A **hydroplane** can land or take off on water. / Electricity made from waterpower is **hydroelectric**.

Monotone means "sameness of tone or style." / A **monosyllable** is a word with one syllable.

A. Read each word. Write the word from the box that means almost the same thing.

<u>compile</u>	<u>commiserate</u>
<u>illiterate</u>	<u>illegal</u>
<u>monotone</u>	<u>hydroplane</u>

- unlearned illiterate
- seaplane hydroplane
- pity commiserate
- unlawful illegal
- assemble compile
- drone monotone

B. Add the correct prefix to each word to form a new word. Use the meaning clue in parentheses to help you.

- (two) bi valve
- (single) mono syllable
- (water) hydro electric
- (two) bi annual

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A. Use what you know. Write the best word to complete each sentence.

- Cody will compile a list of names for the party.
- The reporter expected more than a monosyllable when she asked the candidate a question.
- That dam provides hydroelectric power for much of the state.
- Our school has a biannual picnic, once in the fall and again in the spring.
- The bathers found a bivalve in the sand at the beach.
- We commiserate with people who lose their homes in disasters like floods.
- In some cities, it's illegal to make a right turn on a red light.
- The speaker was very boring because he spoke in a monotone.
- The hydroplane circled and touched down on the river.
- People who are illiterate have a hard time finding meaningful work.

B. Read each question. Choose the best answer.

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| 1. What do you compile? | <input type="checkbox"/> nuts | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> notes | <input type="checkbox"/> naps |
| 2. Which one is a mollusk? | <input type="checkbox"/> biannual | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> bivalve | <input type="checkbox"/> biography |
| 3. What makes a monotone? | <input type="checkbox"/> eyes | <input type="checkbox"/> nose | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> mouth |
| 4. Which one's a monosyllable? | <input type="checkbox"/> illiterate | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ill | <input type="checkbox"/> illegal |



Writing to Learn

Write three newspaper headlines. Use a vocabulary word in each.

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Play the Word Building game. Add one of the prefixes on the list to the roof of each house. Then write the new word on the sidewalk. Use a dictionary to check your words. On another piece of paper, write a sentence using each new word.

Prefixes: **hydro-** **il-** **com-** **bi-** **mono-**

