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Use the list of suffixes and word endings in the word bank to make five different English words out of *gene/gen* and *temp/tempor*. You may add a prefix or an additional suffix, or change the spelling a little if needed. Write a sentence for each word you make and circle the word you made from the root word. Be sure and find words for both *gene/gen* and *temp/tempor*.



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