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Use the list of suffixes, prefixes, and word endings in the word bank to make five different English words out of *factum/facio* and *spir*. You may add an additional prefix or 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 *factum/facio* and *spir*.



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