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Use the list of prefixes in the word bank to make five different English words out of *vert/vers* and *pend/pens*. You may add an additional prefix or a 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 *vert/vers* and *pend/pens*.



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