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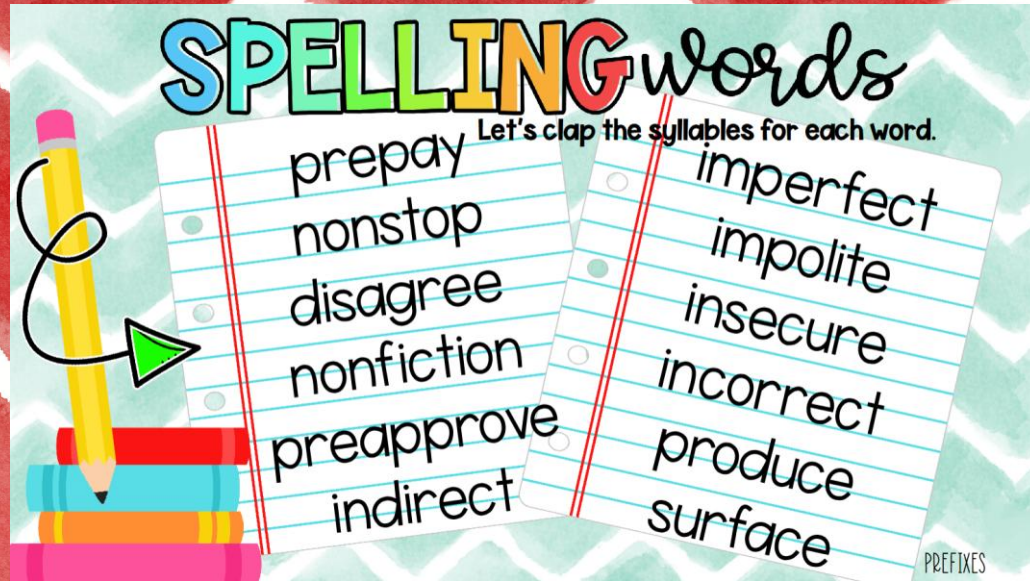
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Complete the prefix crossword puzzle



After reviewing prefixes
please study your spelling
words for today's test

Name: _____

Prefixes Crossword Puzzle

Directions: Solve the crossword puzzle using words that begin with pre, mis or re.

Across

2. to heat again	14. treated poorly
3. to wash before	16. to understand incorrectly
6. to view before	17. to test before
9. to cut before	19. to count incorrectly
10. to cook before	20. to fill again
13. to seal again	

Down

1. to think again	11. tied again
4. to start again	12. to open again
5. to mix before	15. to direct incorrectly
7. to construct again	18. used incorrectly
8. to fold again	

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An illustration featuring a black laptop on the right with a white screen. On the screen, the text 'weekly ASSESSMENTS' is displayed, with 'weekly' in a black script font and 'ASSESSMENTS' in large, multi-colored block letters. Below the text is a stylized logo consisting of three colored dots (green, orange, blue) above a black 'r' shape. To the left of the laptop is a white notepad with blue horizontal lines. A yellow pencil with a pink eraser is positioned vertically on the left, with a stack of four colored pencils (red, blue, orange, pink) at its base. A black arrow with a yellow triangular head points from the notepad towards the laptop screen. The background is a light green and white zigzag pattern.

weekly ASSESSMENTS

Complete the
Weekly Online
test

What are the
steps you take to
decorate a
holiday tree?

Be sure to...

Write an introduction

And 4 – 5 steps

Write a conclusion

Use transition words

Check for capitals and
punctuation



Word List

decorate

tinsel

garland

lights

ornaments

Frasier fir

tree stand



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Read and
answer.
Be sure to
write in
complete
sentences.

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○ Christmas Tree!

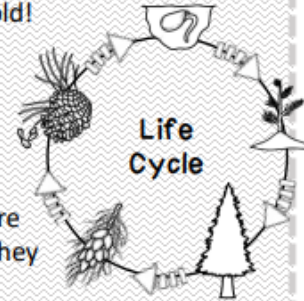


Christmas trees are one of the most beloved symbols of holiday season. The modern version of the Christmas tree we know today began in Germany about 500 years ago. Christmas trees can be tall or short, lit with colored or white lights, and covered with all sorts of special decorations.



Tree farmers grow and must carefully care for their trees. Farmers buy tiny tree seedlings (baby trees that are about 12 inches tall) from a nursery. They plant them in the early spring. As the trees grow tall, farmers must check them for pesky weeds and bugs. Once the tree is three to four feet tall, farmers shear the tree each fall. Shearing, or trimming, gives the tree the perfect shape. It takes six to eight years before a tree is ready to be sold!

Fir trees and pine trees are popular Christmas tree choices. These evergreen coniferous trees stay green all year and produce cones that hold the trees' seeds. Coniferous trees grow tall, not wide. They are the perfect Christmas tree choice because they naturally grow in a triangular shape.



Families should carefully consider whether they will purchase a live tree or **artificial** tree. By buying a live tree, you support farmers' businesses and the smell of a real tree is wonderful. Fake trees are made of plastic, which can hurt the environment. Real trees on tree farms make oxygen: what we breathe! When trees are cut down, the farmer plants new trees in their place. They are getting ready for future Christmases!



Understanding Key Ideas and Details

What is this article mostly about?

Key Vocabulary

What is the meaning of artificial ?	What clues support your inference?



Multiple Choice

With which statement would the author most likely agree?

- a. Seedlings are cut down when they reach three to four feet.
- b. Fir trees must be cut into a triangular shape.
- c. Artificial trees are better for the environment than live trees.
- d. When buying a Christmas tree, live trees are a better choice than artificial trees.

Apply It!

Sort details from the text help you better understand the main idea.

 Important Details	 Interesting Details



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Holidays

Read Along



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Watch on  YouTube



Mexico



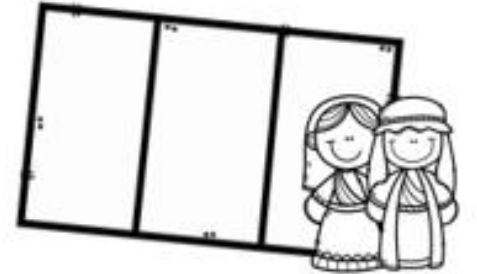
1. Which two oceans border Mexico? _____
2. What is the capital of Mexico? _____
3. Which city shown on the map is located in the northwest corner of Mexico? _____
4. Which two countries border Mexico in the South? _____
5. What is the name of the body of water which is part of the Atlantic Ocean and is northeast of Mexico? _____
6. If you drove from Monterrey to Mexico City, which direction would you travel? _____

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HOLIDAYS AROUND THE WORLD

MEXICO

MERRY CHRISTMAS IN MEXICO



NATIVITY

In Mexico, most homes have nativity scenes in one room of their house.



MARY AND JOSEPH

Mary and Joseph ride around town on a _____ looking for a room.



POINSETTIA

The _____ is a flower that is used to decorate homes.



HOLIDAYS AROUND THE WORLD: Mexico

Name: _____

In Mexico, Christmas is one of the most important holidays of the year. Some of Mexico's holiday traditions were brought from Spain, while other traditions originated in Mexico itself. At Christmas time, the weather in Mexico is warm and mild. People enjoy shopping for food, gifts, and decorations in outdoor market places.

Homes are decorated with lilacs and evergreens. Some families also have Christmas trees. One of the most popular Christmas flowers which comes from Mexico is the red poinsettia. Some families also decorate outside by making small lanterns. They cut pretty designs in brown bags and place a candle in each bag to be lit at night. These lanterns are placed on sidewalks or outdoor walls.

One of the most popular decorations is the nativity scene, called a Nacimiento (nah see me in toe). These are clay figurines of Joseph, Mary and Jesus, as well as lots of other people and their homes or businesses. These figurines may be tiny or as large as a person!

From December 16th to Christmas Eve, there are Posadas, one each night. Each night children lead a procession of people who act out the part of the Christmas story where Mary and Joseph traveled nine days (from Nazareth to Bethlehem), looking for a place to stay. In the Posada, everyone walks to a friend's house and sings a song there, asking for a room. The owners of the home pretend to be innkeepers and tell them there is no room. Finally, everyone goes inside the house where there is a party. The party includes games, lots of food, and drinks like ponche (paw chay) which is a warm drink made out of fruit (like hot cider) and hot chocolate.

One of the favorite traditions at the Posada parties is to have a pinata. Pinatas are usually made of clay or paper mache and are filled with candy and hung from tree branches. Kids take turns being blindfolded and try to hit the pinata with a stick. Once the pinata is broken, the candy falls out, and kids rush to gather as many pieces of candy as possible.

Christmas Eve is known as Noche Buena (No chay Bway nuh). It is a family day. Relatives get together and do the final Posada as well as the main Christmas meal. Christmas meals are different in different regions. Some common foods though include tamales (chicken, beef, or pork wrapped in corn dough), chili rellenos, menudo, fresh fruits, salads, and rice. A favorite dessert is called buñuelos (boo nyell oas), which are fried tortillas dusted with cinnamon sugar.

Later that night, families often go to a Midnight church service where the baby Jesus figurine is put into the manger. After the church service, church bells ring and fireworks are set off to celebrate Christmas Day.

In northern Mexico, gifts are given to children by Baby Jesus (placed under the pillow or beside the bed) and sometimes by Santa (under the Christmas tree) for kids to find on Christmas morning. In southern Mexico, on January 6th (Three King's Day), children hang stockings or set out one shoe on the inside of the window to be filled by the wise men.

1. In the first paragraph, the author states that some traditions *originated* in Mexico. Use context clues. What do you think this means? _____

2. Which two drinks are very common at Posada parties? _____

3. What is the difference between Christmas Eve in your area, compared to Christmas Eve in Mexico? _____

4. Besides stockings, what do children in southern Mexico set out to be filled? _____

5. What is the name of the Christmas flower which comes from Mexico? _____

6. After the Christmas Eve church service, which two things happen to celebrate Christmas? _____


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discuss
answers
as a class



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The United States

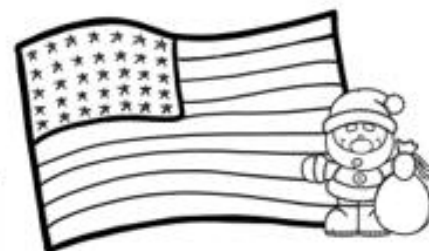
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1. The United States is made up of 50 states. Which state is an island? _____
2. California is home to giant redwood trees, sandy beaches, and Hollywood. To travel from California to Oregon, which direction would you go? _____
3. Although you can't tell it on this map, Alaska is the largest state and California is the third largest state. Which state is the second largest? _____
4. North Carolina is full of green trees and beautiful spaces. Which state borders North Carolina to the west? _____
5. Yellowstone National Park is located in three states: Idaho, Wyoming, and Montana. Which of these three states is the farthest west? _____
6. Louisiana is home to New Orleans and is located next to which body of water? _____

HOLIDAYS AROUND THE WORLD USA

MERRY CHRISTMAS IN THE USA



CHRISTMAS CARDS

Families send out Christmas cards to family and friends. Does your family do this tradition?

Yes or No



SANTA CLAUS

Santa Claus rides on a _____ pulled by eight reindeer on Christmas Eve.



DECORATIONS

Families decorate their homes with Christmas trees, stockings, and Christmas lights.



HOLIDAYS AROUND THE WORLD: United States Christmas

Name: _____

The United States is a fairly large country, and while many traditions in the United States are similar, traditions may vary from one family to the next. Regardless, Christmas is one of the most popular holidays and is celebrated by many people.

Christmas decorations can be seen in many homes and businesses. Some people like to use natural decorations like pine branches, holly, pine cones, mistletoe, and poinsettia flowers. Many homes have Christmas trees with ornaments, garland, and lights. Wrapped gifts may also be found under the trees. Other decorations include nativity scenes (with baby Jesus), angels, Santa, reindeer, snowmen, and stars. Stockings are often hung over the fireplace in hopes that Santa will fill them on Christmas morning.

Lights are also common decorations. Some families keep them simple, either white or colored lights on several bushes or outlining the roof of the house. Other families like to light up everything possible and add Christmas characters that are wooden, nylon (these blow up like balloons), or even animated. Some neighborhoods have so many decorations that they become a popular place to take the family, either on foot or by car. After visiting these Christmas neighborhoods, families may head home to have hot chocolate as a winter treat.

Christmas time is a fun time to see traditional shows like *The Nutcracker Ballet*, or *The Christmas Carol* play. Tree Lighting ceremonies are popular at some shopping centers, with local singers singing favorite Christmas songs. Some families enjoy watching classic holiday movies like *Elf*, *The Grinch Who Stole Christmas*, *It's a Wonderful Life*, or *Miracle on 34th Street*.

Christmas Eve is celebrated by many families. Traditions vary but may include a special dinner, opening one gift (possibly Christmas pajamas for some), and spending family time together. Before bed, some children set out cookies and milk for Santa and carrots for the reindeer.

On Christmas morning, presents are opened either one by one (so all may see) or all at the same time. During the day, kids may play with new toys, while many adults watch football, or prepare dishes for Christmas Dinner.

Christmas Dinner is the biggest meal of the holiday season. It typically includes ham, roast beef, or turkey with gravy, but some families enjoy tamales or lasagna instead. Side dishes might include stuffing, mashed potatoes, cranberry, sweet potatoes, green beans, macaroni and cheese, corn, fruit salad, and rolls. Desserts may include some kind of pie (pumpkin, apple, cherry, or pecan), and Christmas cookies and chocolates.

1. Name three natural holiday decorations.

2. Make an inference. How do you think people know where to go to find the very decorated neighborhoods?

3. Compare and contrast the traditions listed for the United States with the traditions in your area. How are they similar? How are they different?

4. Look at the Christmas shows and movies listed. If you could choose one to see, which one would you choose and why?

5. Why do you think some children set out cookies and milk for Santa and carrots for the reindeer?

ANSWER
QUESTIONS AS
A CLASS

Canada

Name: _____



1. What is the capital of Canada?

2. If you traveled from Regina to Quebec, which direction would you be going?

3. Which two main oceans border Canada?

4. What is the name of the huge bay in Canada?

5. To travel from the Winter Olympic cities of Calgary (1988) to Vancouver (2010), which direction would you travel?

6. Montreal hosted the Summer Olympic Games in 1976. Which area of Canada is Montreal located?

7. Find the city of Victoria on the map of Canada. What type of landform is it on?

8. Which two seas are to the north of Canada?



Name: _____

Canada



**HOW TO SAY
MERRY CHRISTMAS:**
Merry Christmas or
Joyeux Noel
(shwi-UH NO-elle)

Gift Giver:



A Canadian Tradition:

**TRADITIONAL
HOLIDAY FOOD:**



HOLIDAYS AROUND THE WORLD: Canada

Name: _____

Canada is a very large country with a variety of cultures from European places such as France, England, Ireland, Scotland, and from Germany. The people who came from these countries brought their Christmas traditions with them which has influenced Canadian traditions along the way. Regardless of how it is celebrated, Christmas is an important holiday in Canada.

Some people decorate their homes with things from nature, like holly, mistletoe, pine branches, pine cones, berries, and nuts. Others use nativity scenes, snowflakes, bells, stars, and Santa figurines. Christmas trees, a tradition from Germany, are found throughout Canada. In fact, Canada is known for growing Christmas trees. They harvest about six million trees a year and export them to countries such as the United States, Japan, Mexico, and Jamaica! Use context clues. What does *export* mean?

One Canadian tradition is sending Christmas cards to friends and family. Another tradition is the Santa Claus Parade, which started in Toronto in 1913, and has now spread to many of the larger cities. The Nutcracker Ballet, performed by the National Ballet of Canada, as well as other dance companies, is an annual tradition that Canadians young and old enjoy. In Labrador City, Newfoundland, they receive 12 – 14 feet of snow each year, which makes it the perfect place for ice sculptures. People there have an outdoor light and ice sculpture contest every year.

Like many places, sweets are a fun part of the holiday. Candy canes are a favorite treat and Christmas tree decoration. Many Canadians enjoy Pundt's chocolates too. On Canada's east coast, some candies are made from the maple sugar that is harvested there. Cookie baking parties are popular too. People bring homemade Christmas goodies (with the recipe) to share at a friend's home. When they leave, they have lots of new recipes and a plate full of delicious cookies to bring home.

On Christmas Eve, traditions vary by families. Sometimes, families will celebrate Christmas Eve with one side of the family and then Christmas with the other. Some families open all gifts, some just the stockings, or only one gift on this night. Many children go to sleep dreaming of Santa Claus or Pere Noel (in French).

Christmas Day varies but might include opening gifts, having leftovers from the night before or a big meal which may include ham or roast turkey with gravy, potatoes, vegetables, cranberry, turnips, and Christmas pudding or mince pie. The holiday season ends for many around New Year's Day, when families take their tree down.

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1. Why does Canada have so many different Christmas traditions?

2. Make an inference. The author stated that Canada harvests, "... about six million trees a year and exports them to countries such as the United States, Japan, Mexico, and Jamaica!" Use context clues. What does *export* mean?

3. Re-read the third paragraph. If you could choose only one of these traditions from Canada, which one would you choose? Explain why.

4. In your own words, summarize what happens at a cookie baking party.

5. Compare and contrast the Christmas traditions in Canada to Christmas traditions in your country or city. How are they alike? How are they different?

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