

# Lesson 21: Prefix *com-* (*con-*)

## Spelling Words

1. conviction
2. commanded
3. commonly
4. considered
5. continued
6. commander
7. commit
8. constitution
9. confusing
10. commence
11. commotion
12. commercial
13. communicate
14. communities
15. communication
16. committee

## Your Own Words

Look for other words that begin with *com-* and *con-* to add to the lists. You might see *communism* or *commonwealth* in a social studies book. You might use *conform* or *conduct* in an essay about behavior.

17. \_\_\_\_\_
18. \_\_\_\_\_
19. \_\_\_\_\_
20. \_\_\_\_\_

Each Spelling Word begins with *com-* or *con-*, which means "together" or "with." Note the doubling of the consonant in many of the words.

Sort the words into groups by whether the consonant is doubled.

### WITH DOUBLE CONSONANT

commune

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

### WITHOUT DOUBLE CONSONANT

constant

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

***Com-* and *con-* are prefixes that mean "together" or "with." Words that begin with *com-* have a double *m* if the prefix is joined to a root word that begins with *m*.**

## Lesson 21: Prefix: *com-* (*con-*) (continued)

**SPELLING CLUES: Prefixes** When you write, watch for words that begin with *com-* or *con-*. Be sure you have used a double consonant if the base word or root begins with *m* or *n*.

Determine which prefix, *com-* or *con-*, belongs with each of these word parts. Then write the word correctly.

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| 1. ____stitution | 4. ____monly   |
| 2. ____mander    | 5. ____mence   |
| 3. ____munities  | 6. ____mercial |

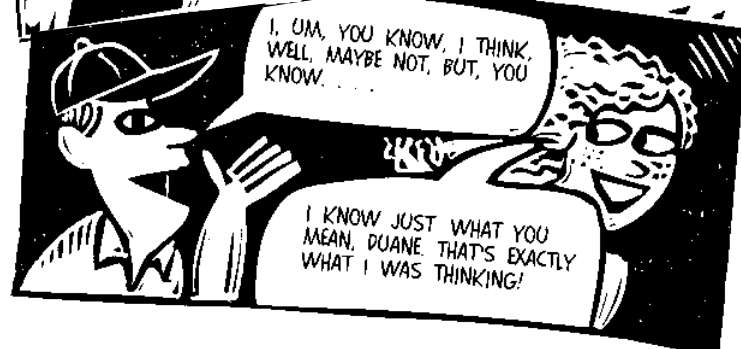
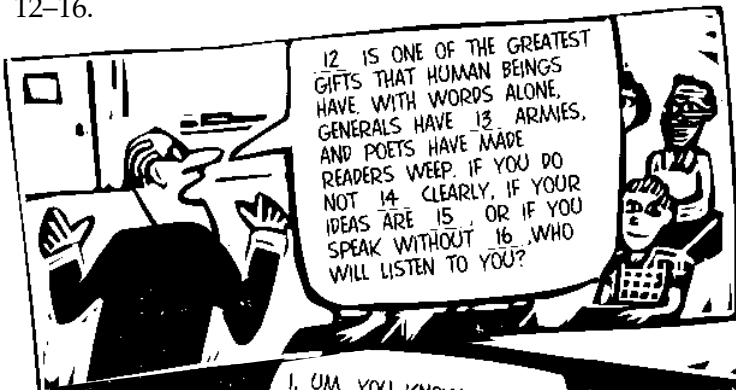
**PROOFREADING** 7–11. Proofread this dialogue. Circle the words that are incorrectly spelled, and write them correctly.

Joshua: You should have connitnued talking to her.  
Why did you tell her you had to leave?

Michael: Well, there was all this comotion around her.  
A whole group of people—it looked like a commity—was asking her something.

Joshua: What makes you think she's not ready to comit herself to helping us? Have you considered the fact that this is in her interest too?

**WORKING WITH MEANING** Write Spelling Words to replace 12–16.



1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
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10. \_\_\_\_\_
11. \_\_\_\_\_

12. \_\_\_\_\_
13. \_\_\_\_\_
14. \_\_\_\_\_
15. \_\_\_\_\_
16. \_\_\_\_\_