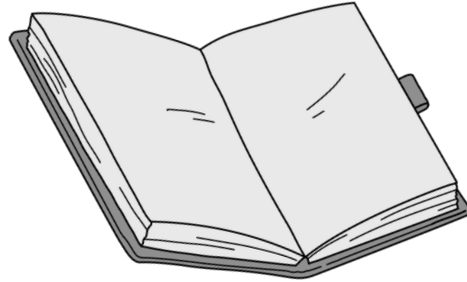


VOCABULARY ROOT WORDS

Directions: The words below all come from the Latin root *pellere*, which means "to push" or "to drive." Each word adds a different prefix that changes the meaning. Read each word and its example sentence. Then answer the questions to discover how the root and prefix work together.

Explore the Prefixes:

- ex- = out
- pro- = forward
- re- = back/away
- com- = together/forcefully



Answer these questions:

How does the prefix change the meaning? What does the word mean?

1. ex = out + pel = push

expel = _____

2. pro = forward + pel = push

propel = _____

3. re = back + pel = push

repel = _____

Circle the word that best completes each sentence:

4. The rocket engines _____ the spacecraft toward Mars.

(expelled / propelled / repelled)

5. The raincoat's fabric _____ water so you stay dry.

(expels / propels / repels)

6. The student was _____ from school for breaking safety rules.

(expelled / propelled / repelled)

Use your root knowledge:

7. If dis- means "apart" or "away," what do you think dispel means?

My prediction: _____

8. If im- means "in" or "into," what do you think impel means?

My prediction: _____

Create your own sentence using ONE of the *pellere* words in a way that shows you understand its meaning:
