

Roots 2

In many words the spelling and pronunciation of the root are affected by the ending that follows it. For example:

describe → descriptive delude → delusion

1 What nouns ending in -ion are formed from the following verbs?

produce → proceed → extend →
expel → invade → receive →

2 What adjectives ending -ive are formed from these verbs?

exclude → destroy → explode →
defend → exceed → deceive →

3 *i* Look up the word **tractor**

Tractor is formed from the root **TRACT** which means pull or drag. Which word, from the root **TRACT**, fits each one of the spaces below?

When a cat pulls *back* its claws, it them.

When a magnet draws something *towards* it, it it.

When dentists pull teeth *out*, they them.

ii Write a phrase or short sentence containing each of these words:

protracted
contract
traction
detracts
intractable

4 *i* Look up **torsion**. What does it mean?

ii Try to find the word which completes each of the following.

Twisting money out of someone by force or threats is ex.....

A person who twists his or her body into unusual shapes is a con.....

A person who deliberately causes pain or suffering to someone is a

Use the dictionary to help you, including the list of prefixes and suffixes in the Appendix.

