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c, f, g, l, n, p, r, s, t

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Note: consonants double when a prefix with the same letter is added.

Part 1: Correctly spell a word using the prefix **ad-** and the given root or base.

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| 1. tract (pull) – _____ | 4. sign – _____ |
| 2. filiate (son; related) – _____ | 5. mit (send; let go) – _____ |
| 3. praise – _____ | 6. leviate (raise) – _____ |

Part 2: Each of the following misspelled words uses the prefix **ad-**. Write the correct spelling on the line next to the word.

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| 7. acent _____ | 11. alegiance _____ |
| 8. adtendance _____ | 12. acurate _____ |
| 9. anex _____ | 13. arange _____ |
| 10. aprove _____ | 14. afinity _____ |
| 11. adsortment _____ | 16. acommodate _____ |

Write the definition of any unknown words on the back of this sheet.

ANSWER KEY

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