

Latin Root: tract

In this worksheet, we examine the root *tract*, which means *pull* or *draw* in Latin. The prefixes used in these words generally, but not always, have specific meanings and will be practised in the Affixation section. Put each of the following words into the correct sentences in the correct form.

abstract, attraction, contract (n, v), detract, distraction, extract, protract, retract, subtract

1. The negotiations were _____, but finally, after a week the two sides came to an agreement.
2. The number of students at the college is _____ so we need to find ways of bringing more in.
3. There were many _____ for me at university, like parties, bars and sports, but I still managed to get a good degree.
4. When the case finally came to court, the defendant _____ his confession, saying that the police had forced him to make it.
5. I like classical paintings of landscapes and scenes with people and animals. I don't really understand modern, _____ art.
6. You calculate your tax from your earnings after you have _____ your expenditure.
7. One of the main _____ of big cities like London is the night life, with its bars, restaurants, theatres and cinemas.
8. If you are going to make any kind of agreement in your business or professional life you should always read the _____ carefully before you sign.
9. The dentist said that Mandy's back teeth were getting worse and they would have to be _____.
10. Even though the athlete Steve Parsons did not manage to win a medal at the Olympics, it did not _____ from his wonderful performance in getting to the 100 metres final.