

The prefix *ex*

- | | | | |
|---------------|---------------|-----------------|----------------|
| 1. expect | 6. extremely | 11. excuse | 16. efficiency |
| 2. expired | 7. extension | 12. exclamation | 17. election |
| 3. expert | 8. extinguish | 13. excursion | 18. elevate |
| 4. experience | 9. exterior | 14. effort | 19. escape |
| 5. expensive | 10. extinct | 15. effective | 20. evaporate |

A. A cliché is an expression or idea that has become stale from too much use. "As light as a feather" and "sweet as honey" are clichés. Write the spelling words that could be used in your writing to replace the following clichés.

- | | | | |
|--------------------------|-------|----------------------------|-------|
| 1. know-it-all | _____ | 6. dead as a doornail | _____ |
| 2. cost an arm and a leg | _____ | 7. flew the coop | _____ |
| 3. worldly wisdom | _____ | 8. kicked the bucket | _____ |
| 4. be "on the alert" for | _____ | 9. disappear into thin air | _____ |
| 5. put out the fire | _____ | 10. like pulling teeth | _____ |

B. Circle all of the spelling words in the word search puzzle. Then write each word on your own paper.

N	E	E	V	E	Z	W	E	X	T	R	E	M	E	L	Y	E
O	C	X	V	X	E	Q	E	L	E	C	T	I	O	N	E	V
I	N	T	L	T	X	D	E	R	I	P	X	E	Z	V	V	A
T	E	I	O	E	P	R	O	I	R	E	T	X	E	E	I	P
A	I	N	V	N	E	N	O	I	S	R	U	C	X	E	T	O
M	R	C	E	S	N	E	T	A	V	E	L	E	N	J	C	R
A	E	T	X	I	S	I	K	N	T	C	E	P	X	E	E	A
L	P	W	P	O	I	T	E	X	C	U	S	E	R	A	F	T
C	X	X	E	N	V	E	P	A	C	S	E	R	I	D	F	E
X	E	S	R	H	E	Q	S	V	H	C	B	G	K	C	E	W
E	F	D	T	G	H	S	I	U	G	N	I	T	X	E	L	R
Y	C	N	E	I	C	I	F	F	E	E	F	F	O	R	T	T