

Lesson 5—Prefixes and Roots

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Activity A

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telephone

xylophone

microphone



Activity B

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2. An instrument that sends sounds and speech over distances:

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A diagram showing three words on the left and three images on the right. Lines connect the words to the images: a blue line from 'telephone' to the telephone, a red line from 'microphone' to the microphone, and a green line from 'xylophone' to the xylophone.

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