

# Words with the Prefix *ex-*

The writer of “What Do You Mean, She Can’t Play Soccer?” tells about a soccer coach who believed everyone could play soccer—*except* a blind student. The writer does not agree with the soccer coach and explains in her essay why blind students should not be *excluded* from playing sports.

*Except* and *excluded* begin with the prefix *ex-*. A **prefix** is a word part that is added to the beginning of a word. The prefix *ex-* usually means “out” or “from.”

Read these words with the prefix *ex-* and their definitions.

<b>exclude</b>	to prevent from entering; keep out	<b>exceed</b>	to be greater than
<b>except</b>	but	<b>exhale</b>	to breathe out
<b>exhibit</b>	a display	<b>exhaust</b>	to wear out completely; to tire
<b>exit</b>	to go out of; to leave	<b>exterior</b>	outer part

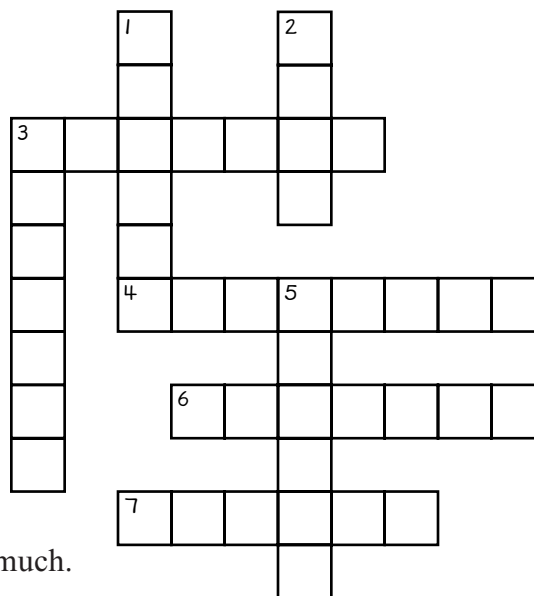
Choose the boldface word from the word box that completes each sentence below. Then write the word in the correct squares of the puzzle.

## Across

- My teacher chose my painting to be part of the school’s art \_\_\_\_.
- The \_\_\_\_ of the car was washed recently.
- It is not fair to \_\_\_\_ some students from our club.
- Everyone \_\_\_\_ Rodney was playing soccer.

## Down

- Divers hold their breath and then \_\_\_\_ when they surface.
- \_\_\_\_ the theater as soon as the movie ends.
- The puppy will \_\_\_\_ himself if he plays too much.
- The number of people cannot \_\_\_\_ the number of seats.



## Challenge

Look up these words in a dictionary: *exile*, *excavate*, *excursion*, *extract*, *extinct*, *external*. Use as many as you can to create a crossword puzzle like the one you just completed. You may use other words too. Give the puzzle to a classmate to complete.