

# 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.

**exclude** to prevent from entering;  
keep out  
**except** but  
**exhibit** a display  
**exit** to go out of; to leave

**exceed** to be greater than  
**exhale** to breathe out  
**exhaust** to wear out completely;  
to tire  
**exterior** outer part

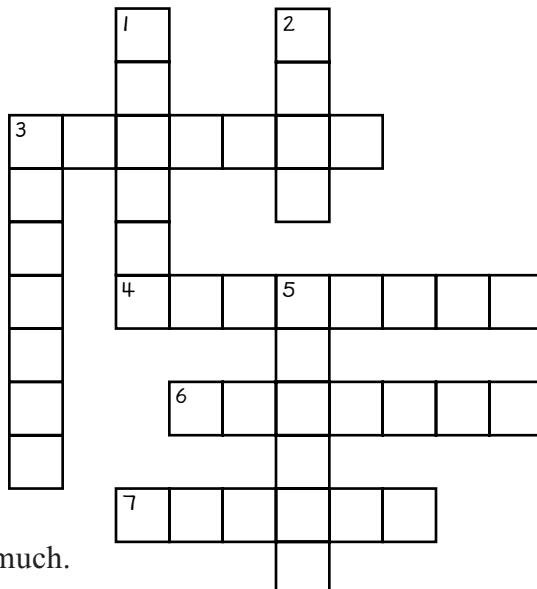
Choose the boldface word from the word box that completes each sentence below. Then write the word in the correct squares of the puzzle.

### Across

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

### Down

1. Divers hold their breath and then \_\_\_\_ when they surface.
2. \_\_\_\_ the theater as soon as the movie ends.
3. The puppy will \_\_\_\_ himself if he plays too much.
5. 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.