

## Vocabulary Strategy

### THE PREFIX *em-*

The word *emanate* joins the prefix *em-*, which means “out,” to the root *manate*, which comes from the Latin word meaning “to flow.” To *emanate* is “to flow out of” or “to issue forth.” The prefix *em-* appears in several other English words. To figure out their meaning, consider not only the prefix and the word or root to which it is joined but also the context in which the word appears.

emaciated

emergent

emancipate

emigrate

eminent

**Directions:** Use context clues and your knowledge of word parts to explain the meaning of each boldfaced word below. Then check your answers in a dictionary.

1. The governor was the most **eminent** visitor to our school last year, so we received her with a formal celebration.  
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2. Because slavery is morally indefensible, we must work together to **emancipate** any individuals who are enslaved.  
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3. The decision to **emigrate** is a difficult one because it means leaving behind your native country and culture.  
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4. Although he is still not very well known on a national level, the artist is one of the most interesting **emergent** talents in our local gallery scene.  
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5. The dog looked **emaciated** because he had been sick for more than a week and had eaten very little in all that time.  
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