Vocabulary Root Words Lesson 10.3 BEND and BIND

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| Root Word | Meaning | Words You Already Know |
| flec/flex | bend | reflect, flexible |
| string/strict | bind | string, boa constrictor |

NEW WORDS (Write a **1** next to the words you know well, a **2** next to those words that you “kind of” know, and a **3** next to the words you don’t know at all. Then highlight the root words in the definitions and example sentences.)

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| **1, 2, 3** | **Definitions** | **Example Sentences** |
|  | inflection (n): a change in the pitch or tone of the voice  | I could tell by my mother’s inflection that she was about to lose her temper. |
|  | deflect (v): to change course because of hitting something | The ball deflected off of the goal post and the team lost the game. |
|  | genuflect (v): to bend the knee to the floor as a gesture of religious respect (also, to show undeserved or servant-like respect to someone or something.) | The priest approached and then genuflected at the altar.(I refused to genuflect before my domineering boss, so I didn’t get the promotion.)  |
|  | inflexible (adj): firmly established and impossible to change | Because the rule is inflexble, you are now disqualified. |
|  | stringent (adj): strictly controlled or enforced | The students grew tired of the stringent rules and decided to hold a protest. |
|  | astringent (adj): severe/harsh (also, causing contraction of the body tissues, such as an astringent lotion) | The judge’s astringent tone led the young singer to swear off the music business and become a waitress. |
|  | constrict (v): to squeeze something or make it become narrower | The medicine caused Gary’s blood vessels to constrict and he fainted. |
|  | restrict (v): to keep something within fixed limits | Because Martha was on house arrest, her movements were restricted to her house and her yard. |