

Detours





Roots

The root **-TAIN- (-TEN-)**

-tain- (-ten-) is a Latin root that means
"to hold or keep."

Directions: Divide the words "container" and "retainer." In your definition, try to use the word "hold" or "keep."

Whole word	Prefix	Root	Suffix	Meaning
Container 				
Retainer 				

We know that **-er** is a suffix that means someone who does something. Now we also know that it works for things too—things that do something. What does a container "do?"

What does a retainer "do?"
