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Roots

The root –TAIN- (-TEN-)
-*tain-* (-ten-) is a Latin root that means "to hold or keep."

Directions: Divide the words "con<u>tain</u>er" and "re<u>tain</u>er." 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 con<u>tain</u>er "do?"

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What does a re<u>tain</u>er "do?"

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