

Warm-Up

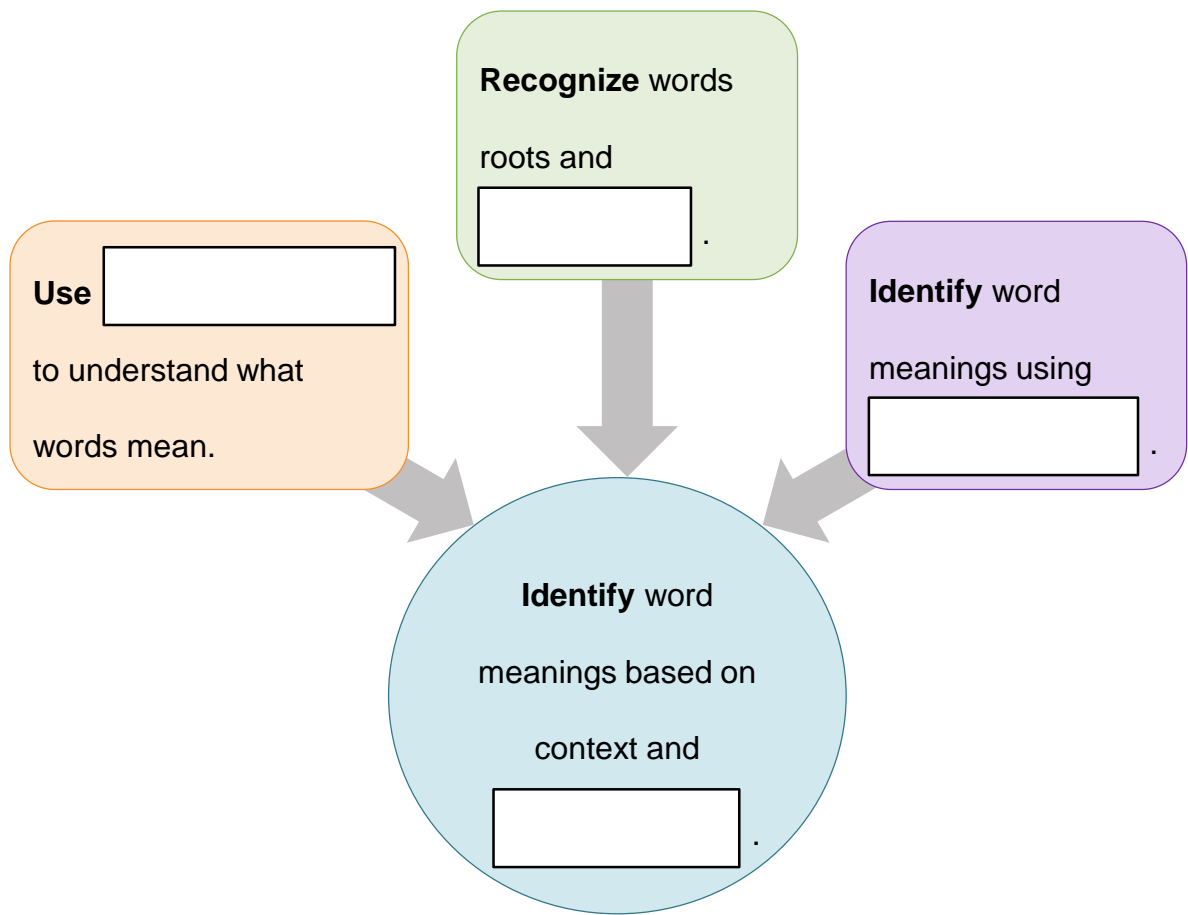
Improving Vocabulary with Word Parts and Context Clues



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Lesson Goals



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2K**Words to Know**

Write the letter of the definition next to the matching word as you work through the lesson. You may use the glossary to help you.

_____ context

A. a word part that is added to the beginning of a word root to make a new word

_____ affix

B. a word part that is added to the end of a word root to make a new word

_____ prefix

C. the words surrounding another word that help clarify its meaning

_____ suffix

D. the part of a word that has no affixes and shows the word's central meaning

_____ word root

E. a word part that is added to a word root to make a new word

**Getting the Bigger Picture or Observing Details**

If you come across an unfamiliar or challenging word in a sentence, you can use

the

, or the surroundings, to help you

it out.

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Understanding Context Clues

Context clues are to a word's meaning that are found in the text around the word.

Types of clues include:

- definition clues.
- clues.
- and clues.
- explanation clues.

Definition Clues and Examples Context Clues

Definition clues occur when the itself defines a difficult word.

Examples clues occur when of the difficult word are provided.

Definition clue: Spelt, an ancient form of wheat, is gaining popularity as a health food.

Examples clue: Infrastructure, including bridges, roads, and buildings, require constant updates to make sure they are safe.

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Synonyms and Antonyms as Context Clues

Synonym and antonym clues occur when the text uses a word that has a similar or opposite meaning, respectively, as a nearby word.

A clue is a word that has a similar meaning to a nearby word.

An clue is a word that has the meaning as a nearby word.

Synonym clue

Although all Greek city-states were , Sparta's culture was the most .

Sentence 1 is an example of a synonym clue. *Bellicose* and *aggressive* are to each other.

Antonym clue

The Rockefellers lived in relatively conditions compared to the of the Vanderbilts.

Sentence 2 is an example of an antonym clue. The Rockefellers are being to the Vanderbilts.

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Explanation Clues

An explanation context clue provides a or explanation that you can use to the most likely definition of a word.

Explanation Clue

I would recommend the first book in the series, but each subsequent book gets worse and worse.

Not an Explanation Clue

The book, or the one that , is not as good as the first.

This is an example of a clue because it defines the word *subsequent* in between the commas.

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Identifying Word Roots

A word is the part of a word that shows its meaning.

- English word roots often come from other languages, especially and .
- Knowing the meaning of a word root can help you understand a word's .
- Other word parts can be added to the beginning or the end of a word root to create a word with the same central meaning.

Recognizing Common Roots

Common roots show the of a word.

Complete the graphic organizer.

Root	Meaning	Sample English Word
	sleep	dormitory
crat/cracy	rule	
	believe	incredible
corp		incorporate
dict	say/speak	
	birth	generate
geo		geography

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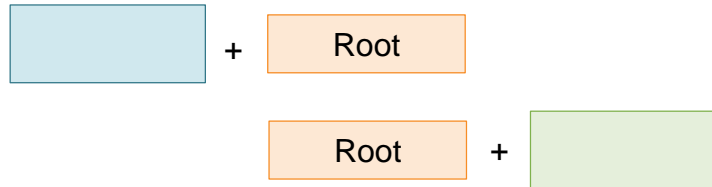
Understanding Affixes

An is a added to a word root to make a new word.

An affix can be:

- a prefix, or a word part that is added to the of a word root.
- a suffix, or a word part that is added to the of a word root.

Complete the graphic organizer.



Identifying Common Prefixes

Prefixes are affixes that are added to the of a root word.

Complete the graphic organizer.

Prefix	Meaning	Sample English Word
	not, without	amoral, apathetic
ex-		export, exclude
	between, among	interstate, intervene
im-		impossible, immortal

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Identifying Common Suffixes

Suffixes are affixes that are added to the of a root word.

Suffix	Meaning	Sample English Word
-cy	a state or <input type="text"/>	infancy
-ic, -ous	having the <input type="text"/> of something	cinematic, curious
-ful	<input type="text"/> with	hopeful
-ist	someone who does <input type="text"/>	artist

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Lesson Question

How do word parts and context clues help you understand the meaning of a word?



Answer

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Review: Key Concepts

Context clues

- Definition and
- Synonym and
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Word parts

- Word – the part of a word that shows its meaning
- Affix – a word that is added to a word root to create a new word
 - Prefix – an affix added to the
 - Suffix – an affix added to the

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Use this space to write any questions or thoughts about this lesson.