

GRADE 4 LEARNING PACK

Build Vocabulary with Roots & Affixes

Use common roots, prefixes and suffixes to infer meaning and build related word families.

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Original BrightPencil Kids resource - adult-led where appropriate

A4 edition • 12 purposeful pages • review copy

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Grown-up guide

Learning objective

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Use this pack well

- Model the first example aloud, then let the learner try.
- Ask “How do you know?” more often than “Are you finished?”.
- Use real objects, talk, movement or observation when the activity suggests it.
- Stop or shorten the session if attention or enjoyment drops.
- Open-ended pages can have many successful answers.

Quality note

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Learn the idea

1 A root or base carries core meaning.

2 Prefixes and suffixes can change meaning or grammatical function.

3 Word-part clues are useful but should be checked against context.

Talk about it

Explain one idea in your own words. Give an example from real life, a drawing or an object if that helps.

Break disagreement, reusable, prediction, hopeful and movement into meaningful parts.

Match common parts such as pre-, mis-, inter-, -tion and -ment to likely functions.

Build a word family from act or move.

Use context to decide which possible meaning of a word part fits.

Explain why a plausible word-part guess may still need dictionary verification.

Try it beyond the page

Real-world / hands-on connection

Collect five related words from a current topic and circle the shared root/base. Explain how the meanings connect.

Before you finish

What did you notice?

What evidence, object or example helped you?

What would you change if you tried again?

Create something

Your project

Design a vocabulary web with one root, six related words and a meaning note for each.

Use this space for planning, drawing, mapping, designing or notes.

CHALLENGE

Think deeper

1. What is the role of a prefix?

2. Can one root appear in words with different grammatical jobs?

3. Why check context?

Quick review

1. In one sentence, explain the big idea of “Build Vocabulary with Roots & Affixes”.

2. Draw or write one example that shows you understand.

3. Choose one activity from this pack and explain the strategy you used.

4. Write one question you still have.

Answer & discussion notes

Use these as guidance, not scripts. Open questions can have different successful responses when the reasoning is sensible and evidence-based.

1. Suggested response

It comes before a base/root and can modify meaning.

2. Suggested response

Yes.

3. Suggested response

A word part can have more than one use or meaning.

Review before publication

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FINISH

My learning reflection

I finished this BrightPencil learning pack.

One thing I understand better now:

A strategy that helped me:

Something I created or noticed:

My next small question or goal:

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