VOCABULARY & WORD STUDY

Ramp up root-word instruction



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Understand the advantage of the generative concept.

Grow students' vocabularies exponentially.

As early as 1941,
researchers
estimated that,
for students in
grades 4-12, a
6,000-word gap
separated students
at the 25th and
50th percentiles on
standardized tests."

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- Take what is known and apply it to what is new.
- Every syllable (in a multisyllabic word) is a root.
- Know that 90% of English words with more than one syllable are Latin-based.
- Know that the remaining 10% of English words are Greek-based.
- Realize that a single Latin root generates
 5-20 English words.

A root is a **WORD PART**. A root has meaning or a definition. Roots give words their **FIXED MEANING**. Put various **PARTS TOGETHER** to form different

PREFIX

Attached to the beginning of a base and changes the meaning.

-ing (14%) MEANING verb form

un- (26%)
-or, -er, -ar
-ion, -tion, -ation, -ition
spect-

verb form playing
not unhappy
one who doctor, teacher, liar act, process to look at inspect

EXAMPLE

BASE

A word or word part that carries the meaning.
Affixes may be attached to it.

SUFFIX

Attached to the end of a base and indicates particular part of speech.

words— each with a unique meaning.

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Unlock meaning with direct instruction.

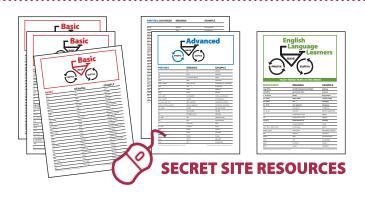
Provide students opportunities to earn the "key."

BUILD THE LIST.

- · Review comprehensive list for options.
- · Analyze content-area curriculum and texts to identify 30 grade-level roots.
- Align the lists across grade level, looking for overlaps.



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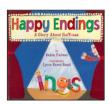


MEET A ROOT.

- Show the word part in print.
- Pronounce the word part in its various forms.
- Explain its meaning (or various meanings).
- Generate a known list of words that include that root.
- Draw a box around or highlight the word part.
- Partners choose 1 or 2 words and discuss their meanings in light of the root.









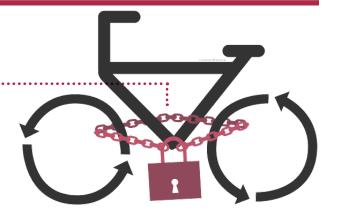


PROVIDE BACKGROUND.

- Layer students' background knowledge across days.
- Reveal etymology and origin information.
- Connect meaning to a story.







anus was the god of doorways and hallways, bridges and gates, beginnings and endings. He had two faces: one that looked forward and one that looked backward so that he could see in two directions

The Romans revered Janus for his strength and loyalty. Once, when Janus witnessed an army trying to kidnap a group of innocent women, he became so enraged that he made a volcanic hot spring erupt, burying the attackers and saving the women.



Whether they performed comedy or tragedy, poetry or dance, the Muses always included song. When their best friend, Apollo, god of light and music, accompanied them on his lyre, the Muses' voices rang especially sweet and true. Their songs soared through the Halls of Mount Olympus, down the mountainside, and all the way to earth, where poets suddenly found the words they were searching for, artists painted with bolder strokes, and musicians felt the stirrings o new melodies.



Associate the root meaning with a visual.

Use root knowledge to make connections to more words.

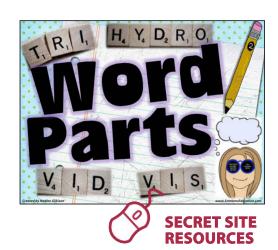


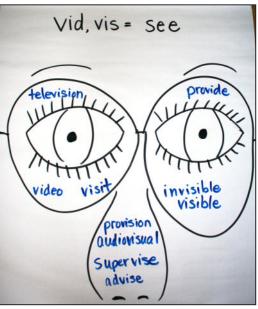
RESOURCE
Compare vocabulary study to dating.

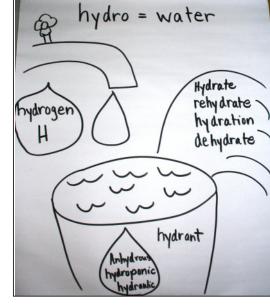
SHOW IT VISUALLY.

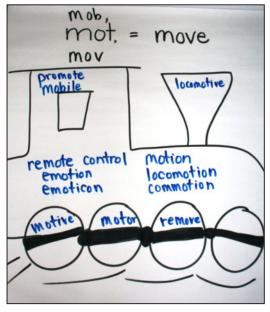
Connect each word part to a visual.

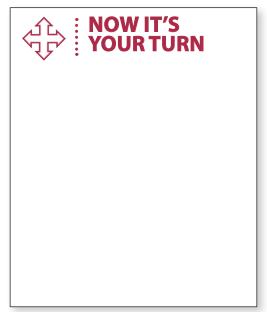
- 1. List the root and its meaning.
- 2. Identify a visual to demonstrate the meaning.
- 3. List words.





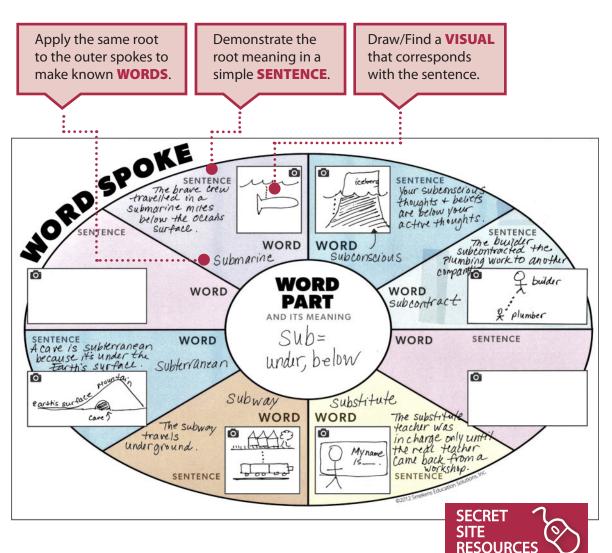


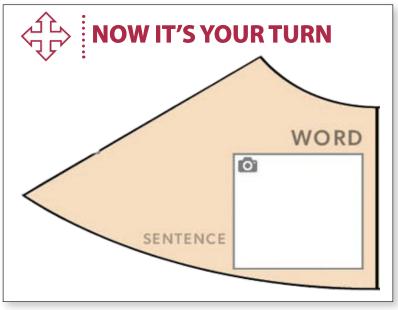




Deepen root meaning and broaden word connections.

Generate words from an individual root.













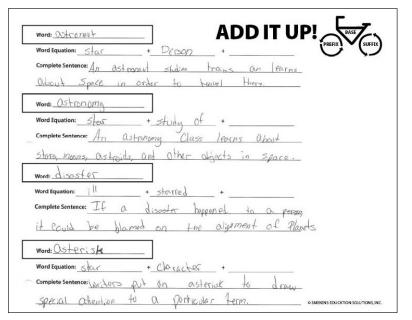
Develop and refine understanding with word play.

PARTS CHART |

Put multiple roots together to "build" a word's meaning.

bases Prefixes	mit, mis	scrib- script	port
Sub-	submit	subscribe	support
re-	remit		report
trans-	transmit	transcribe	transport
pre-		prescribe	

ADD IT UP | Build words with known roots.





THE JEOPARDY PRINCIPLE | List words or phrases students likely don't know but include a known root.

retro (backward, back)

retrograde

retrospect

retrofit

retrogress

retrovirus

dur (harden, to last, lasting)

corduroy

epidural

obdurate

dured



