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Word Parts: Prefixes, Suffixes, and Roots

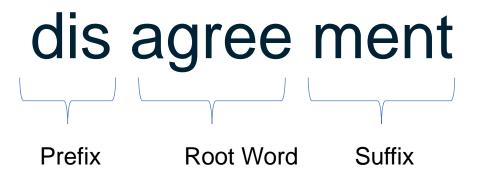
What are word parts?

- Root or base word
 - The basic part of a word that carries meaning
 - A base word can stand alone (example: depend in independent).
 - A root is a word part that carries meaning but cannot stand alone (example: cred in incredible).
- Prefix
 - A word part that is attached to the beginning of a word.
- Suffix
 - A word part that is attached to the end of a word.

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Let's practice: Find the word parts in "disagreement"?





Why is it important to learn about word parts?

- Recognize words
- Decode words quickly and accurately
- Understand the meaning of unfamiliar words
- Improve spelling accuracy

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- https://www.voyagersopris.com/vsl/blog/what-is-a-rootword#:~:text=Spelling%20Accuracy%3A%20Understanding%20word%20parts,look%20up%20every%20understanding%20word



How can families help children develop word knowledge?

- Play word games
- Use visual aids such as flash cards
- Engage in simple conversations focused on words

Sources:

- https://www.readingrockets.org/topics/spelling-and-word-study/articles/use-words-teach-words
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How to Engage in Conversation Focused on Words:

- Begin with a simple root word, such as push.
 - Ask your child to come up with words they know that contain that word, such as pushing, pushed, pushover, push-up.
 - Talk about how all these words have some shared meaning related to the word push.

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Consider the Prefix

- Choose a prefix that is easy to understand, like bi- or tri-
- Discuss words like tricycle, triceps, and triangle. All these words share the prefix tri-, which means three.
- Ask your child to list words that begin with the prefix bi-(like bicycle and binoculars). This gives you a great chance to introduce new words, like bicentennial and biceps.

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Consider the Suffix

- Choose a suffix like –less and discuss its meaning with your child. You might say, "When you see the suffix '–less' on a word, it means 'without."
- Ask your child to list some words that end in —less and explain their meanings.

Source:



Word Part Resources

- Root word resource
- Prefix/suffix resource
- Video



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