

Category 1 – Understanding Across Genres

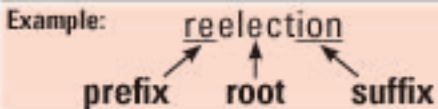
ROOTS, PREFIXES, AND SUFFIXES (1)

**Common Words:** many English words have Latin, Greek, or other linguistic roots; these roots give clues about a word's meaning

Greek or Latin Root	English Word and Meaning
<i>therm</i> means <i>heat</i>	thermometer: tool used to measure the amount of heat in an object
<i>meter</i> means <i>measure</i>	

Prefixes and suffixes can change a word's meaning.

Word Part	Description
root	base, or main part, of a word
prefix	letters added before a root
suffix	letters added after a root



Prefix	Meaning	Examples
dis-	not, opposite	dishonor, displeasure, disagree
in-	not, opposite	inactive, insincere, injustice
im-	not, opposite	improper, impossible, impatient
un-	not, opposite	unnecessary, unworthy, unhappy
non-	not, no	nonfiction, nontoxic, nonverbal
pre-	before	preapproval, prearrange, preheat
re-	again	restate, revise, review

**Example:** The word *connect* means *join*. The prefix *dis-* change the meaning of the root *connect* to *disconnect*.

**Answer:** The word *disconnect* means *take apart* (opposite of *join*), because the prefix *dis-* means *opposite*.

Suffix	Meaning	Examples
-able	able to, can be	comfortable, readable
-ible	able to, can be	comprehensible, digestible
-er, -or	one who does something	teacher, writer, winner
-less	without	careless, shameless
-ful	full of	careful, thoughtful
-ous	characterized by	adventurous, anxious
-ness	quality or state	closeness, illness
-ance	state or quality	confidence, clearance
-ion, -tion, -sion	action or state	decision, admission

CONTEXT CLUES (1)

**Context Clues:** nearby words and sentences that help you determine a word's meaning; can be a definition, a relationship, or a description

**Example:** The word *puncture* means *make a hole*. The sentence says, "The balloon had a *puncture*, but we fixed it and a hole was no longer visible."

**Context Clues:** The word *hole* states the meaning of the word *puncture*. The word *puncture* means a *small opening*. The word *hole* has more than one meaning. Use context clues to determine the correct meaning.

**Example:** The word *passage* means *a path or route*. The sentence says, "The *passage* of a *short section of a written text* or speech. Which is the correct meaning in the sentence below?"

Jacob read a *passage* about John Adams from his history book.  
**Context Clues:** In this sentence the words *read* and *book* help you know that *passage* means a *short section of a written text*.

DICTIONARY, GLOSSARY, AND THESAURUS SKILLS (1)

**Dictionary:** alphabetical list of words with meanings, syllables, pronunciations (how a word is spoken), and parts of speech

Part of Speech	Description	Examples
verb	action or state	running, was
noun	person, place, thing, or idea	idea, boss
adjective	describes a noun	happy, fuzzy

**Example:** The following words have 2 syllables and 1 pronunciation: *pas-sage* /pas-ij/ *noun* 1. road, 2. short section of a written text or speech

**Glossary:** alphabetical list of special words that are used in a book or document; located at the end of the book

**Thesaurus:** alphabetical list of words and their synonyms; can use to determine which word to choose for a different word

**Example:** Use a thesaurus to help you choose a word to replace *nice* in the sentence: "The friendly man gave Tom a large slice of pizza."  
**Answer:** a friendly man gave Tom a large slice of pizza.

READING AND COMPREHENDING FICTIONAL TEXTS (1)

**Text:** a story or author's message (what the text is mainly about) about a person, place, or event. **Examples:** story, fable, myth, fairy tale (short story, includes magic)

**Text:** a story or author's message (what the text is mainly about) about a person, place, or event. **Examples:** story, fable, myth, fairy tale (short story, includes magic)

**Text:** a story or author's message (what the text is mainly about) about a person, place, or event. **Examples:** story, fable, myth, fairy tale (short story, includes magic)

**Text:** a story or author's message (what the text is mainly about) about a person, place, or event. **Examples:** story, fable, myth, fairy tale (short story, includes magic)



CONNECTIONS BETWEEN TEXTS (1)

**Text:** a story or author's message (what the text is mainly about) about a person, place, or event. **Examples:** story, fable, myth, fairy tale (short story, includes magic)

**Text:** a story or author's message (what the text is mainly about) about a person, place, or event. **Examples:** story, fable, myth, fairy tale (short story, includes magic)

**Text:** a story or author's message (what the text is mainly about) about a person, place, or event. **Examples:** story, fable, myth, fairy tale (short story, includes magic)

**Text:** a story or author's message (what the text is mainly about) about a person, place, or event. **Examples:** story, fable, myth, fairy tale (short story, includes magic)

**Evidence:** The article reports on *Linux 17*'s release and that a user says it is fun. The ad also states that it is available and fun.

DYNA NOTES™ TOOLS FOR EXPLOSIVE LEARNING

Copyright © 2011 DynaNotes, Inc. All rights reserved. May not be reproduced or transmitted in any form without written permission from the publisher. 1-800-955-2414

© 2011 DynaNotes, Inc. All rights reserved. May not be reproduced or transmitted in any form without written permission from the publisher. 1-800-955-2414

SAMPLE MAY NOT BE COPIED. MAY NOT BE COPIED.

SAMPLE PAGE -- Page 1 of 4  
Read reviews and create an eQuote online.  
These student course notes are also available via the *DynaNotes Plus* app for student iPads and Android tablets.