

EXACT TEKS WORDING (FROM TEA)

“identify the meaning of and use words with affixes such as im- (into), non-, dis-, in- (not, non), pre-, -ness, -y, and -ful”

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN TO ME?

Big words are built from smaller parts. Each part carries meaning.

When I find a prefix, suffix, or root, I can use it to figure out a word I do not know.

I check my meaning in the sentence to be sure it makes sense.

THIS WEEK'S FOCUS

SUFFIX -ER

The suffix **-er** means “more”. A suffix is a word part added to the end of a base word. It changes what the word means or how the word is used.

from “**The Recess Question**”

This week we move across five thinking levels: **NOTICE** → **CHOOSE** → **SHOW** → **OWN** → **DEFEND**.

TODAY'S THINKING JOB

NOTICE

I can notice word parts.

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Notice the suffix.

Read this sentence from the passage. Find the word with the suffix -er.

“Max jumped higher each time the rope came around.”

I CAN I can find a word with the suffix -er in our reading.

TODAY'S THINKING JOB

CHOOSE

I can choose the meaning of a word part.

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Choose what -er means.

The word higher has the suffix -er. What does -er mean?

higher = high + er

A. a person who B. more C. not

I CAN I can choose the meaning of the suffix -er.

TODAY'S THINKING JOB

SHOW

I can break a word into parts.

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Show how the parts build the word.

Break the word earlier into parts. What does it mean in this sentence?

“She had joined their class only a few days earlier.”

earlier = _____ + _____

I CAN I can break a word into parts and build its meaning.

TODAY'S THINKING JOB

OWN

I can build and use new words.

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Own it. Build and use your own word.

Build a word with the suffix -er. Use your new word in a sentence.

fast + er = ? • tall + er = ? • short + er = ?

Build one word. Use it in a sentence.

I CAN I can build new words with the suffix -er and use them correctly.

TODAY'S THINKING JOB

DEFEND

I can defend a word's meaning.

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Defend the meaning.

How do the suffix and the sentence prove what higher means?

“Max jumped higher each time the rope came around.”

Use the word part AND the sentence to explain.

I CAN I can use a word part and the sentence to prove what a word means.

Your turn. Find more word parts.

Go back to the passage. Find another word with the suffix -er or another word part you know. Break it apart and explain it.

Go back to the reading.

Find one more word with a word part.

Write the word, break it into parts, and tell what it means.

I CAN I can break a new word into parts and explain its meaning.

Answers across the five thinking levels.

NOTICE

Higher. It has the suffix -er: high + er.

CHOOSE

B. more. Higher means more high, going up farther than before.

SHOW

Early + er. In this sentence, earlier means more early, at a time before now.

OWN

faster, taller, shorter. Answers vary. Example: My brother is taller than me this year.

DEFEND

The suffix -er means more, so higher means more high. Each time means Max keeps jumping more high than his last jump.

YOUR TURN

Answers vary. One example: earlier (early + er), which means more early, before now.

READ THIS SENTENCE FROM THE PASSAGE.

She had joined their class only a few days earlier.

What does the word earlier mean in this sentence?

- A** a person who joins a class
- B** not early at all, but very late
- C** at a time a little before now
- D** on the very first day of school

The answer is C.

- A** **a person who joins a class**
A person who is the meaning of -er in words like teacher, not here.
- B** **not early at all, but very late**
The suffix -er does not mean not.
- C** **at a time a little before now**
Correct. Early + er means more early, so Lily joined a few days before.
- D** **on the very first day of school**
The sentence says a few days, not the first day.