

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 **“Life Along the Nile River”**

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.

“Traveling by river was much easier than crossing the hot desert.”

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 easier has the suffix -er. What does -er mean?

easier = easy + er

A. a person who B. again C. more

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 larger into parts. What does it mean in this sentence?

“As trade and farming improved, cities along the Nile became larger and stronger.”

larger = _____ + _____

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.

warm + er = ? • small + er = ? • cool + 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 stronger means?

“As trade and farming improved, cities along the Nile became larger and stronger.”

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

Easier. It has the suffix -er: easy + er.

CHOOSE

C. more. Easier means more easy; less hard.

SHOW

Large + er. In this sentence, larger means more large; bigger.

OWN

warmer, smaller, cooler. Answers vary. Example: The desert is warmer than the river valley.

DEFEND

The suffix -er means more, so stronger means more strong. The word improved shows the cities grew better than before.

YOUR TURN

Answers vary. One example: larger (large + er), which means more large, bigger.

READ THIS SENTENCE FROM THE PASSAGE.

Traveling by river was much easier than crossing the hot desert.

The suffix -er helps the reader understand that easier means what?

- A** a person who travels easily
- B** more easy than another way
- C** easy one more time again
- D** not easy, but very hard

The answer is B.

- A** **a person who travels easily**
A person who is a different meaning of -er.
- B** **more easy than another way**
Correct. Easy + er means more easy, and the word than compares two ways.
- C** **easy one more time again**
Again is the meaning of re-, not -er.
- D** **not easy, but very hard**
This is the opposite. The river was the easy way.