

EXACT TEKS WORDING (FROM TEA)

“determine the meaning of and use words with affixes such as mis-, sub-, -ment, and -ity/ty and roots such as auto, graph, and meter”

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**PREFIX UN-**

The prefix **un-** means “not”. A prefix is a word part added to the beginning of a base word. It changes what the word means.

from **“A Lone Star Choice”**

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 prefix.

Read this sentence from the passage. Find the word with the prefix un-.

“Now standing alone, unsure where to go.”

I CAN I can find a word with the prefix un- in our reading.

TODAY'S THINKING JOB

CHOOSE

I can choose the meaning of a word part.

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Choose what un- means.

The word unsure has the prefix un-. What does un- mean?

unsure = un + sure

A. again B. not C. before

I CAN I can choose the meaning of the prefix un-.

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

“The future seemed unclear to many,”

unclear = _____ + _____

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 prefix un-. Use your new word in a sentence.

un + even = ? • un + wrap = ? • un + true = ?

Build one word. Use it in a sentence.

I CAN I can build new words with the prefix un- 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 prefix and the sentence prove what unsure means?

“Now standing alone, unsure where to go.”

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 prefix un- 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

Unsure. It has the prefix un-: un + sure.

CHOOSE

B. not. Unsure means not sure; not certain.

SHOW

Un + clear. In this sentence, unclear means not clear; hard to know.

OWN

uneven, unwrap, untrue. Answers vary. Example: The rumor about a snow day was untrue.

DEFEND

Un- means not, so unsure means not sure. The line says Texas was standing alone and did not know where to go, which shows uncertainty.

YOUR TURN

Answers vary. One example: unclear (un + clear), which means not clear.

READ THIS SENTENCE FROM THE PASSAGE.

The future seemed unclear to many,

Based on the prefix un- and the sentence, unclear means the future was what?

A hard to know or understand

B clear again after a long wait

C clear before anyone asked

D very clear and easy to see

The answer is **A**.

- A** **hard to know or understand**
Correct. Un- means not. The future was not clear, so people did not know what would happen.
- B** **clear again after a long wait**
Again is the meaning of re-, not un-.
- C** **clear before anyone asked**
Before is the meaning of pre-, not un-.
- D** **very clear and easy to see**
Un- does not make a word stronger. It means not.