

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

SUFFIX -ITY

The suffix **-ity** means “the state or quality of”. 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 Wealth of Mansa Musa”**

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 -ity.

“His generosity became famous throughout the places he visited.”

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

TODAY'S THINKING JOB

CHOOSE

I can choose the meaning of a word part.

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Choose what -ity means.

The word generosity has the suffix -ity. What does -ity mean?

generosity = generous + ity

A. the state or quality of B. a person who C. full of

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

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

“Marketplaces were exciting places filled with activity.”

activity = _____ + _____

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 -ity. Use your new word in a sentence.

equal + ity = ? • humid + ity = ? • able + ity = ?

Build one word. Use it in a sentence.

I CAN I can build new words with the suffix -ity 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 generosity means?

“Whether every story was completely accurate or not, people everywhere recognized his kindness and generosity.”

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 -ity 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 Generosity. It has the suffix -ity: generous + ity.

CHOOSE A. the state or quality of. Generosity means the quality of being generous, or giving.

SHOW Active + ity. In this sentence, activity means the state of being active; lots of action.

OWN equality, humidity, ability. Answers vary. Example: The humidity made my hair frizzy.

DEFEND The suffix -ity means the quality of, so generosity is the quality of being generous. The sentence pairs it with kindness, another good quality people noticed.

YOUR TURN Answers vary. One example: activity (active + ity), which means the state of being active.

READ THIS SENTENCE FROM THE PASSAGE.

Marketplaces were exciting places filled with activity.

The suffix -ity helps the reader understand that activity means what?

- A** a person who is always busy and active
- B** being active once again later
- C** without anything busy or active
- D** the state of being busy and active

The answer is D.

- A a person who is always busy and active**
The suffix -ity does not name a person. The suffix -er and -or name people.
- B being active once again later**
Once again is the meaning of re-, not -ity.
- C without anything busy or active**
Without is the meaning of -less, not -ity.
- D the state of being busy and active**
Correct. The suffix -ity means the state of. Exciting marketplaces were busy and full of action.