

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 “**Understanding the Texas Regions**”

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.

“The climate has warmth and humidity, with frequent rainfall.”

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 humidity has the suffix -ity. What does -ity mean?

humidity = humid + ity

A. without B. the state or quality of C. a person who

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?

“Farming is another important activity in the Coastal Plains.”

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.

possible + ity = ? • equal + ity = ? • real + 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 electricity means?

“In some parts of the Great Plains, wind turbines are used to make electricity.”

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 Humidity. It has the suffix -ity: humid + ity.

CHOOSE B. the state or quality of. Humidity means the state of the air being damp.

SHOW Active + ity. In this sentence, activity means something people actively do.

OWN possibility, equality, reality. Answers vary. Example: There is a possibility of rain this afternoon.

DEFEND The suffix -ity means the state of, so electricity is the state of being electric, or electric power. The turbines make power from wind.

YOUR TURN Answers vary. One example: humidity (humid + ity), which means dampness in the air.

READ THIS SENTENCE FROM THE PASSAGE.

The climate has warmth and humidity, with frequent rainfall.

The suffix -ity helps the reader understand that humidity is what?

- A** a person who lives in damp air
- B** air that becomes damp once again
- C** the state of the air being damp
- D** the state of the air being dry

The answer is **C**.

- A** a person who lives in damp air
The suffix -ity does not name a person. The suffix -er names people.
- B** air that becomes damp once again
Once again is the meaning of re-, not -ity.
- C** the state of the air being damp
Correct. The suffix -ity means the state of. Frequent rainfall makes humid, damp air.
- D** the state of the air being dry
The sentence mentions frequent rain, so the air is damp, not dry.