

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

ROOT AUTO

The root **auto** means “self”. A root is a word part that carries the main meaning of a word. Many roots come from Greek or Latin.

from “The Roads Between Us”

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 root.

Read this extra example sentence (not from the passage). Find the word with the root auto.

EXTRA EXAMPLE (NOT FROM THE PASSAGE)

“Today, automobiles travel on roads that were once narrow dirt paths.”

I CAN I can find a word with the root auto in our reading.

TODAY'S THINKING JOB

CHOOSE

I can choose the meaning of a word part.

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Choose what auto means.

The word automobiles has the root auto. What does auto mean?

automobiles = auto + mobile

A. measure B. write C. self

I CAN I can choose the meaning of the root auto.

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SHOW

I can break a word into parts.

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Show how the parts build the word.

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

EXTRA EXAMPLE (NOT FROM THE PASSAGE)

“Some gates on busy roads are automatic and open by themselves.”

automatic = _____ + _____

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 root auto. Use your new word in a sentence.

auto + mobile = ? • auto + graph = ? • auto + matic = ?

Build one word. Use it in a sentence.

I CAN I can build new words with the root auto 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 root and the sentence prove what automobiles means?

EXTRA EXAMPLE (NOT FROM THE PASSAGE)

“Traders long ago walked or rode horses because there were no automobiles.”

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 root auto 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 Automobiles. It has the root auto: auto + mobile.

CHOOSE C. self. Automobiles means cars; machines that move by themselves.

SHOW Auto + matic. In this sentence, automatic means working by itself.

OWN automobile, autograph, automatic. Answers vary. Example: The singer signed her autograph after the show.

DEFEND Auto means self, so an automobile moves by itself. The sentence says traders walked or rode horses before these self-moving machines existed.

YOUR TURN Answers vary. One example: traders (trade + er), which means people who trade.

EXTRA EXAMPLE (NOT FROM THE PASSAGE). READ THIS SENTENCE.

An automobile can carry a family down the road between two towns.

The Greek root auto means self. What is an automobile?

- A** a road that joins two towns
- B** a machine that moves by itself
- C** a person who travels alone on the road
- D** a tool that measures distance

The answer is **B**.

- A** a road that joins two towns
This is a detail from the sentence, not the meaning of automobile.
- B** a machine that moves by itself
Correct. Auto means self, and mobile means moving, so an automobile moves by itself.
- C** a person who travels alone on the road
The word names a machine, not a person.
- D** a tool that measures distance
Measure is the meaning of meter, not auto.