

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 “**What Shapes a Society? Place, Resources, and Connection**”

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.

“This condition can create scarcity.”

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

scarcity = scarce + ity

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

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?

“Texas provides another example of how resources influence economic 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.

secure + ity = ? • able + ity = ? • curious + 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 Scarcity means?

“Scarcity occurs when people have limited amounts of resources compared with what they want or need.”

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 Scarcity. It has the suffix -ity: scarce + ity.

CHOOSE A. the state or quality of. Scarcity means the state of being scarce, or not enough.

SHOW Active + ity. In this sentence, activity means actions; things people actively do.

OWN security, ability, curiosity. Answers vary. Example: My curiosity made me open the mystery box.

DEFEND The suffix -ity means the state of, so scarcity is the state of being scarce. The sentence says people have limited amounts compared with what they need.

YOUR TURN Answers vary. One example: electricity (electric + ity), which means electric power.

READ THIS SENTENCE FROM THE PASSAGE.

Scarcity can lead to problem-solving.

What does the word scarcity mean in this sentence?

- A** not having enough of something
- B** having more than enough of something
- C** a person who solves problems
- D** sharing something once again

The answer is A.

- A** **not having enough of something**
Correct. The suffix -ity means the state of. Being scarce means not having enough.
- B** **having more than enough of something**
That is the opposite. Scarce means there is too little.
- C** **a person who solves problems**
The suffix -ity does not name a person. The suffix -er names people.
- D** **sharing something once again**
Once again is the meaning of re-, not -ity.