

EXACT TEKS WORDING (FROM TEA)

“identify the meaning of and use words with affixes such as trans-, super-, -ive, and -logy and roots such as geo and photo”

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 “The Fifth-Grade Cookie Commission”

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-.

“That feels like unnecessary math.”

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 unnecessary has the prefix un-. What does un- mean?

unnecessary = un + necessary

A. not B. again 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 Unfortunately into parts. What does it mean in this sentence?

Unfortunately, yes.”

Unfortunately = _____ + _____

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 + kind = ? • un + safe = ? • un + able = ?

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 unnecessary means?

“That feels like unnecessary math.”

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 Unnecessary. It has the prefix un-: un + necessary.

CHOOSE A. not. Unnecessary means not needed.

SHOW Un + fortunately. In this sentence, Unfortunately means in a way that is not lucky; sadly.

OWN unkind, unsafe, unable. Answers vary. Example: The icy steps were unsafe for the students.

DEFEND Un- means not, so unnecessary means not needed. The speaker says the math only feels like extra work, which fits not needed.

YOUR TURN Answers vary. One example: unfortunately (un + fortunately), which means sadly; not luckily.

READ THIS SENTENCE FROM THE PASSAGE.

That feels like unnecessary math.

The prefix un- helps the reader understand that unnecessary math is what?

- A** math that is not needed
- B** math that is needed again
- C** math that is done before
- D** math that is very needed

The answer is **A**.

A **math that is not needed**
Correct. Un- means not, so unnecessary means not necessary.

B **math that is needed again**
Again is the meaning of re-, not un-.

C **math that is done before**
Before is the meaning of pre-, not un-.

D **math that is very needed**
Un- does not make a word stronger. It means not.