

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

SUFFIX -ER

The suffix **-er** means “more”. 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 **“A Voice of Their Own”**

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 -er.

“They wondered if people living in the colonies should have a larger part in making the laws they followed every day.”

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

TODAY'S THINKING JOB

CHOOSE

I can choose the meaning of a word part.

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Choose what -er means.

The word larger has the suffix -er. What does -er mean?

larger = large + er

A. not B. more C. again

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

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

“Wanting a stronger voice does not always mean wanting to argue.”

stronger = _____ + _____

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 -er. Use your new word in a sentence.

high + er = ? • great + er = ? • long + er = ?

Build one word. Use it in a sentence.

I CAN I can build new words with the suffix -er 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 larger means?

“They wondered if people living in the colonies should have a larger part in making the laws they followed every day.”

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 -er 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

Larger. It has the suffix -er: large + er.

CHOOSE

B. more. Larger means more large; bigger.

SHOW

Strong + er. In this sentence, stronger means more strong.

OWN

higher, greater, longer. Answers vary. Example: The line for lunch grew longer each minute.

DEFEND

Large plus -er means more large. The sentence says colonists wondered about making laws, so they wanted a bigger part than before.

YOUR TURN

Answers vary. One example: stronger (strong + er), which means more strong.

READ THIS SENTENCE FROM THE PASSAGE.

Wanting a stronger voice does not always mean wanting to argue.

The suffix -er helps the reader understand that a stronger voice is what?

- A** a voice with no power at all
- B** a person who speaks up for all the others
- C** a voice that is used to argue
- D** a voice with more power than before

The answer is D.

- A** **a voice with no power at all**
No power is the opposite, like -less was added.
- B** **a person who speaks up for all the others**
A person who fits the other -er, not this one.
- C** **a voice that is used to argue**
The sentence says a stronger voice does not mean arguing.
- D** **a voice with more power than before**
Correct. Strong plus -er means more strong.