

**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 **“A Difficult Compromise”**

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-.

**“Others were uncomfortable with the decision but felt there was no easy answer.”**

**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.

## EXACT TEKS WORDING

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**Choose what un- means.**

The word uncomfortable has the prefix un-. What does un- mean?

uncomfortable = un + comfortable

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

**Show how the parts build the word.**

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

“This was one of the most unfair parts of the compromise.”

unfair = \_\_\_\_\_ + \_\_\_\_\_

**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 + clear = ? • un + wise = ?

**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 unfairly means?

“It supported a system that treated human beings unfairly.”

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** Uncomfortable. It has the prefix un-: un + comfortable.

**CHOOSE** A. not. Uncomfortable means not at ease; uneasy.

**SHOW** Un + fair. In this sentence, unfair means not fair or just.

**OWN** unkind, unclear, unwise. Answers vary. Example: The directions were unclear, so we asked again.

**DEFEND** Un- means not, so unfairly means not fairly. The sentence names a system that treated human beings badly, which is not fair.

**YOUR TURN** Answers vary. One example: uncomfortable (un + comfortable), which means not at ease.

READ THIS SENTENCE FROM THE PASSAGE.

**Others were uncomfortable with the decision but felt there was no easy answer.**

**Based on the prefix un- and the sentence, what does uncomfortable mean?**

- A** at ease about the choice again
- B** very happy about the choice
- C** not at ease about the choice
- D** sure of an easy answer

**The answer is C.**

- A** **at ease about the choice again**  
Again is the meaning of re-, not un-.
- B** **very happy about the choice**  
Un- does not make a word stronger.
- C** **not at ease about the choice**  
Correct. Un- means not, and the sentence says there was no easy answer.
- D** **sure of an easy answer**  
The sentence says there was no easy answer.