

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 -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 “From Protest to Participation: How a Nation Changes”

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

Notice the suffix.

Read this sentence from the passage. Find the word with the suffix -ity.

“The Declaration proclaimed equality, yet American society in 1776 did not provide equal rights to everyone.”

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

equality = equal + ity

A. the state or quality of B. a person who C. before

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

“That ability may be one of the most important skills in a representative government.”

ability = _____ + _____

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.

real + ity = ? • active + ity = ? • major + 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 equality means?

“The Declaration proclaimed equality, yet American society in 1776 did not provide equal rights to everyone.”

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 Equality. It has the suffix -ity: equal + ity.

CHOOSE A. the state or quality of. Equality means the state of being equal.

SHOW Able + ity. In this sentence, ability means the quality of being able; a skill.

OWN reality, activity, majority. Answers vary. Example: The majority of the class voted for a garden.

DEFEND Equal plus -ity means the state of being equal. The sentence says rights were not equal for everyone, so the promise was not yet true.

YOUR TURN Answers vary. One example: ability (able + ity), which means the quality of being able.

READ THIS SENTENCE FROM THE PASSAGE.

That ability may be one of the most important skills in a representative government.

What does the word *ability* mean in this sentence?

- A** a person who is able to lead a group
- B** the act of doing the same thing once again
- C** the quality of being able to do something
- D** a government that is not able to act

The answer is C.

- A** **a person who is able to lead a group**
A person fits the suffix -er, not -ity.
- B** **the act of doing the same thing once again**
Again is the meaning of re-, not -ity.
- C** **the quality of being able to do something**
Correct. Able plus -ity names the quality of being able, and the sentence calls it a skill.
- D** **a government that is not able to act**
Not is the meaning of un-, not -ity.