

Word Origins: Roots, Prefixes, and Suffixes Challenge

Do you really need to know about these things? Yup, you do! If you know a handful of word parts, you will be able to figure out unknown words just by looking at a small piece of the word.

Scenario:

You have the great honor of helping Mrs. Duxbury and Ms Crathern **teach** the other students about roots, prefixes, and suffixes. Since they really couldn't figure out a fun and creative way to do this, we thought maybe you could help! Find a way to teach others about what you learned.

Resources: paper, pencil/pen, **word origin notes, roots/prefix/suffix list**, supplies that are available in the classroom. Anything else you need you will have to supply.

*If you are missing the word origin notes or roots/prefixes, and suffixes list from above, you need to recopy them before you are allowed to begin work. This also means that you will not be able to choose your group.

Process:

- Groups of no more than five
- Work with each other, not just next to each other.
- Keep voices low.
- Use only the given resources above (unless you have a super-awesome idea and ask a teacher before you use it).
- No presentation necessary for sake of time

Product:

- A way to teach others about **ALL** word parts on the list - some sort of visual, activity, or handout ~ See list of ideas on the back
- All **important** information has been present.
- Your work must contain **all** word parts from the list **with examples of words that are made up of the word parts**

*Materials Due Friday, 10/10 at the **END** of class.*

See the back of this sheet for more detailed information....

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Need an example? (Sure you do) If you know that the prefix “mis” means “incorrect or wrong”, then you can identify LOTS of words you may not know.

Example? Here you go! : *Misunderstand*

Break the word apart: (Prefix) **Mis** ~ incorrect, wrong Understand ~ to know what something means

Misunderstand = you are wrong with what you thought you knew about something.

Voila ~ Easy Peasy

- *Make small posters/visuals to help other students understand the word part
- *Make flashcards to go along with visuals
- *Create study strategies and notes/handouts for others.
- *Make a game
- *Create a powerpoint
- *Create a bingo game
- *Make an anchor chart with examples



Here are some ideas/examples...

WORD ROOT OF THE DAY

MUT (change)

mutate: to change; alter
mutable: subject to change; fickle
permutation: alteration; transformation
mutagen: substance that causes a mutation
mutation: change in form or nature
mutant: a new type of organism from a mutation
mutilate: to injure, disfigure, or make imperfect
transmute: to transform or change in nature
commute: to change to a less severe form

