

Prefix Removal and Replacement Strategy

1. Remove the “prefix.”
2. Check that you have a real word remaining. If you do, you’ve found a prefix.
3. Think about the meaning of the prefix and the meaning of the root word.
4. Combine the meanings of the prefix and the root word, and infer the meaning of the unknown word.
5. Try out the meaning of the unknown word in the sentence, and see if it makes sense. If it does, read on. If it doesn’t, you’ll need to use another strategy for discovering the unknown word’s meaning.

(Graves, 2002)

Twenty Most Frequent Prefixes

Prefix	Words with the Prefix
un-	782
re-	401
in-, im-, ir-, il- (= "not")	313
dis-	216
en-, em-	132
non-	126
in-, im- (= "in," "into")	105
over- (= "too much")	98
mis-	83
sub-	80
pre-	79
inter-	77
fore-	76
de-	71
trans-	47
super-	43
semi-	39
anti-	33
mid-	33
under-	25
TOTAL	2,859
Note. Adapted from "Teaching Elementary Students to Use Word-Bit Clues," by T.G. Wite, J. Sowell, and A. Yanagihara, 1989, <i>The Reading Teacher</i> , 42.	

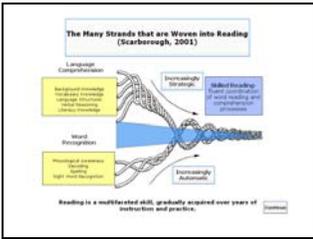
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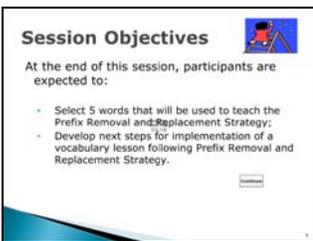
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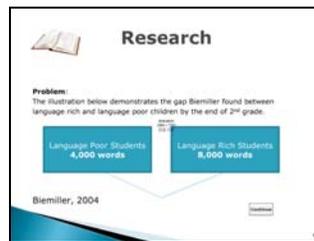
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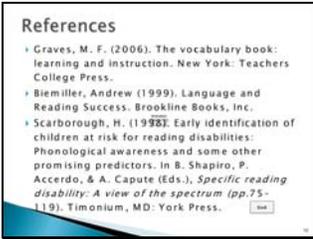
Session Goal



Session Objectives



Research



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