



Word Parts Pocket Chart

Materials:

Word Parts Mini Bulletin Board (CTP 3799)
pocket chart

Understanding Word Meanings

Breaking a word apart helps you understand its meaning.

1. Look for prefixes and suffixes.
2. Cover up the prefix and/or the suffix and read the base word.
3. Think about how the prefix or the suffix changes the word.

Example:

in + eat = **in**eat
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Changing a Word's Meaning

Add a Prefix

Adding a **prefix** changes the meaning of a base word.

not = **not** **not**ly = **not**ly
 happy = **not** happy

Add a Suffix

Adding a **suffix** may change the meaning of the base word. It often changes the form or part of speech.

His favorite color is blue.
 The artist painted a **colorful** picture.

Word Parts

Prefix **Base Word** **Suffix**

A letter or group of letters added to the beginning of a base word. A word in its simplest form. It can stand alone or have letters added to the beginning or end of it. A letter or group of letters added to the end of a base word.

incomplete **complete** **completely**
rebuild **build** **buildable**
unkind **kind** **kindness**

Common Prefixes

Prefix(es)	Meaning	Example
pre-	before, in advance	pretest
re-	again, back	re-read
un-, dis-, non-, mis-	not, the opposite, badly	undo, misbehave
im-, in-, ir-, in-	not	impossible

Common Suffixes

Suffix(es)	Meaning	Example
-ful	full of	joyful
-ly	in a certain way	sadly
-able, -ible	capable of	agreeable
-less	without	fearless
-ness	state or condition of	cleverness

non sense il legal pre approve afford able brave ly quick ness

in correct walk ing

Adding -ed or -ing changes the tense of a verb.

Fetch	Fetch-ing	Fetch-ed
The dog fetch the stick.	The dog is fetching the stick.	The dog fetches the stick.

Adding -er or -est helps you compare two or more things.

Hot	Hotter	Hottest
Coffee is hot .	A computer is hotter than coffee.	The sun is the hottest of all.

stretch ed scream ing calm er est

open ed guess ing small er est

Directions:

1. Detach the pieces in the mini bulletin board set.
2. Teach language arts skills by organizing and displaying pieces from the set on a pocket chart.

Tip:

Attach seasonal erasers to unsharpened seasonal pencils to make pointers that students can use to point to words on the chart.