

Directed Learning Activity (DLA): Understanding Vocabulary

Outcomes: At the end of this activity, you will be able to understand new vocabulary words with the use of:

- Context clues
- Word parts: prefixes, suffixes, roots

Activity: Ask a Literacy Center tutor for the *Comprehension Skills Series: Understanding Vocabulary* text.

1. Read Part One and Two (pages 5-16) and answer the following questions:

Context Clues

- a. What does the word “context” mean?
- b. How do context clues help you understand new words while you read?
- c. Read the following sentence and circle the best meaning of the underlined word.

Thomas went to the apex of the mountain, and because it was so high, he had to take a tank of oxygen with him.

- i. Bottom
- ii. Breathe
- iii. Top
- iv. Clear

What clue in the sentence do you think helped you choose the meaning? Underline this clue in the sentence.

Word Parts

- a. Write down the meaning of each word part.
 - i. Prefix:
 - ii. Suffix:
 - iii. Root:

b. Take notes on each word part by writing down at least 5 prefixes, suffixes, and roots along with each meaning and example.

i. Prefix:

ii. Suffix:

iii. Root:

c. Read the following sentences and circle the best answer for the underlined word.

- This medicine is a nasal decongestant.
 - The medicine helps to reduce nasal congestion.
 - The medicine causes nasal congestion.
 - The medicine makes your nose bigger.
- We usually do not publish articles we don't preview.
 - We usually read articles before publication.
 - We do not read articles after publication.
 - We read articles the day we publish them.
- Reforestation will help to restore our environment.
 - Planting trees again will replenish our environment.
 - Cutting down trees will further help worsen the environment.
 - Forests should be cut to improve the worsening environmental pollution.
- Deforestation will cause environment depletion.
 - Means planting trees will help our environment from depletion.
 - Means cutting down trees will cause further environmental depletion.
 - Means too many forests will cause further environmental depletion.

2. Read Part Four (p. 23): complete Practice Exercises 1-10 and write your answers below. If you need some assistance in this section, feel free to ask a tutor or the instructor.

Practice 1: 1.) _____ 2.) _____ 3.) _____ 4.) _____

Practice 2: 1.) _____ 2.) _____ 3.) _____ 4.) _____

Practice 3: 1.) _____ 2.) _____ 3.) _____ 4.) _____

Practice 4: 1.) _____ 2.) _____ 3.) _____ 4.) _____

Practice 5: 1.) _____ 2.) _____ 3.) _____ 4.) _____

Practice 6: 1.) _____ 2.) _____ 3.) _____ 4.) _____

Practice 7: 1.) _____ 2.) _____ 3.) _____ 4.) _____

Practice 8: 1.) _____ 2.) _____ 3.) _____ 4.) _____

Practice 9: 1.) _____ 2.) _____ 3.) _____ 4.) _____

Practice 10: 1.) _____ 2.) _____ 3.) _____ 4.) _____

Tutor Review:

1. Ask a Literacy Center tutor for the answer key and check your answers. Write down the number correct: _____
2. If you miss more than 12 on the Practice Exercises, review your answers with a tutor.

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Tutor Signature

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