

4 Grade 4 Reading for STAAR™

Category 1 – Understanding Across Genres

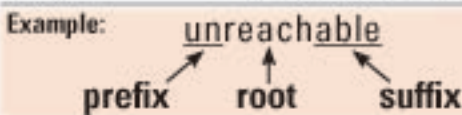
ROOTS, PREFIXES, AND SUFFIXES (CR)

Common roots: many English words have Latin, Greek, or other linguistic roots; these roots give clues about a word's meaning

Greek or Latin Root	English Word and Meaning
<i>tri</i> means <i>three</i> ,	triangle: figure with three sides and three angles
<i>ang</i> means <i>to bend</i>	
<i>bio</i> means <i>life</i> ,	biography: text about a person's life
<i>graph</i> means <i>to write</i>	

Prefixes and suffixes can change a word's meaning.

Word Part	Description
root	base, or main part, of a word
prefix	letters added before a root
suffix	letters added after a root



Prefix	Meaning	Examples
dis-	not, opposite	disagree, disapprove, disagree
in-	not, opposite	incorrect, incapable, inside
im-	not, opposite	imperfect, impossible, immortal
un-	not, opposite	unhappy, unreal, unknown
non-	not, no	nonsense, nonstop, nonfiction
pre-	before	preheat, prearrange, preview
re-	again	rebuild, reread, redo

Example: The word *view* means *look*. How do the prefix *re-* change the meaning of the root *view*?

Answer: The word *review* means *look again*, because the prefix *re-* means *again*.

Suffix	Meaning	Examples
-able	able to, can do	readable, likeable
-ible	able to, can do	understandable
-er	one who does something	speaker, teacher
-ful	full of	fearful, colorful
-ous	full of	dangerous, serious
-less	without	shoeless, shoelless
-ness	quality	freshness, freshness
-ance	act of, state of	assistance, assistance

CONTEXT CLUES (CR)

nearby words and sentences that help you determine the meaning of an unfamiliar word. For example, a definition, a relationship, or a description that connects the unfamiliar word to a familiar word.

Example: The meaning of the word *precipitation* is the amount of water that falls from the sky, including rain and snow.

Context Clues: The words *climbed* and *window* are examples of context clues. The word *precipitation* means water that falls from the sky in all its forms.

Multiple meaning words: a word that has more than one meaning; use context clues to determine the correct meaning.

Example: The word *story* means *a tale* or *a floor of a building*. Which is the correct meaning in the sentence? Maria climbed to the third *story* and looked out the window.

Context Clues: In this sentence the words *climbed* and *window* help you know that *story* means *a floor or level of a building*.

DICTIONARY AND GLOSSARY SKILLS (CR)

Dictionary: alphabetical list of words and their meanings, syllables, and pronunciation (how a word is spoken aloud)

Example: The following is an entry from a dictionary for *solution*.

3 syllables 1 pronunciation
so-lu-tion \sə-loo-shən
 1. a mixture in which one substance is dissolved in another substance
 2. answer to a problem

Glossary: alphabetical list of words and their meanings; located at the back of a book and their meanings; located at the back of a book

Example: The following sentence is from a glossary. **3½** is a **mixed number**.

FIGURE EFFECTIVE

Text: real (true) people or events
Text is About: real (true) people or events
Examples: biography, autobiography

Text: made-up characters or events
Text is About: made-up characters or events
Examples: story, fable, myth

Text: may use real people or events from his or her own life or made-up characters or events in a fictional text.
Text is About: may use real people or events from his or her own life or made-up characters or events in a fictional text.
Examples: biography, autobiography

Text: uses examples, facts, ideas, and pictures from the text that support the author's understanding
Text is About: uses examples, facts, ideas, and pictures from the text that support the author's understanding
Examples: biography, autobiography

Text: using your own experiences and text to figure something out
Text is About: using your own experiences and text to figure something out
Examples: biography, autobiography

Text: According to a biography of Laura Ingalls Wilder, she grew up in a pioneer family. She wrote the *Little House on the Prairie* series of books about a girl named Laura, her family, and their adventures on the American frontier. The Venn diagram compares the biography to the *Little House* series.



alike (points to intersection)
different (points to unique parts of each circle)

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