

Cornell Motes

## **Understanding Root Words**

## Today's Standard

2.L.4c - Use a known root word as a clue to the meaning of an unknown word with the same root (e.g., addition, additional).

Cues	Notes
What is a root word?	A root word is the basic part of a word that carries meaning.
How can root words help us understand new words?	Knowing the root word helps to guess the meaning of new words that share the same root.
Can root words appear in different parts of a word?	Root words can appear at the beginning, middle, or end of a word.
What are some examples of root words?	Examples: 'add' in 'addition' and 'additional'.

## Summary

Understanding root words helps students infer the meanings of new words, enhancing their vocabulary and reading comprehension.