



Understanding Affixes and Word Formation

Today's Standard

3.L.4b - Determine the meaning of the new word formed when a known affix is added to a known word (e.g., agreeable/disagreeable, comfortable/uncomfortable, care/careless, heat/preheat).

Cues	Notes
What is an affix?	An affix is a prefix or suffix added to a root word.
How do prefixes and suffixes change word meanings?	Prefixes and suffixes can change the meaning of a root word completely. Example: 'agreeable' becomes 'disagreeable' with the prefix 'dis-'.
Examples of prefix changes	Example: 'care' becomes 'careless' with the suffix '-less'.
Examples of suffix changes	Understanding affixes helps in decoding new words and enhances vocabulary.
Why is understanding affixes important?	

Summary

Affixes are prefixes and suffixes added to root words to change their meanings. Understanding how they work helps in decoding new words and improving vocabulary.