



Using root words to understand meanings

Today's Standard

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

Cues	Notes
Root word	Root words are the base part of a word that gives the word its main meaning.
Prefix	Prefixes are added to the beginning of root words to change their meaning.
Suffix	Suffixes are added to the end of root words to change their meaning.
Context clues	Context clues are hints in the text that help identify the meaning of an unfamiliar word.
Word family	Word families are groups of words that share a common root.

Summary

Understanding root words and how prefixes and suffixes change their meaning helps in decoding new vocabulary. Using context clues further aids in comprehension.