

Parent Guide to the Standards

# **Understanding Affixes**

## Today's Standard

1.L.4b - Use frequently occurring affixes as a clue to the meaning of a word.

## Real-World Applications for this Standard

Reading simple stories and identifying affixes; Using flashcards with root words and affixes; Creating a word wall with common affixes; Playing word games that involve adding affixes; Writing sentences using words with affixes

#### Today I Learned

Today, we learned about affixes. Affixes are parts added to words to change their meaning. This helps us understand new words better!

# **Common Stumbling Blocks**

Some kids might think all affixes change words the same way. Others might mix up prefixes and suffixes. We will use examples and activities to fix these mistakes.

#### Quiz Me

- What is an affix?
- Can you give an example of a prefix?
- Can you give an example of a suffix?
- How does an affix change a word?
- Why are affixes important?

## Help Me

Affixes are like little parts we add to words to change what they mean. For example, 'un-' in 'unhappy' makes it mean 'not happy'. We can find affixes in many words we read every day!