



## 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).

### Real-World Applications for this Standard

Identifying meanings of new words in reading assignments by recognizing familiar root words.; Using root words to understand new vocabulary in science and social studies.; Applying knowledge of root words in spelling and writing activities.

### Today I Learned

Today, we learned about root words. A root word is the main part of a word that gives it meaning. For example, 'add' is a root word in 'addition' and 'additional'.

### Common Stumbling Blocks

Sometimes, kids think all words with the same root have the same meaning, but that's not true. Also, they might think root words are always at the beginning of a word, but they can be in the middle or end too.

### Quiz Me

- What is a root word?
- Can you give an example of a root word?
- Where can root words appear in a word?
- Do all words with the same root have the same meaning?
- Why is it important to know root words?

### Help Me

Root words help us understand new words. For example, if you know 'add', you can guess what 'addition' and 'additional' mean. This helps you read and write better.