



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).

Real-World Applications for this Standard

Identifying prefixes and suffixes in everyday reading materials; Using affixes to decode unfamiliar words in textbooks; Creating new words by adding affixes in writing assignments; Understanding the meaning of words in instructions or recipes; Recognizing affixes in signage and advertisements

Today I Learned

Today, we learned about prefixes and suffixes, which are added to words to change their meanings. For example, adding 'un-' to 'comfortable' makes 'uncomfortable'.

Common Stumbling Blocks

Some kids might think that adding a prefix or suffix doesn't change a word's meaning. Others might think that all prefixes and suffixes work the same way on all words. Both ideas are not correct.

Quiz Me

- What is a prefix?
- What is a suffix?
- Give an example of a prefix changing a word.
- Give an example of a suffix changing a word.
- Why do we use prefixes and suffixes?

Help Me

Prefixes and suffixes help us understand new words. For example, 'un-' in 'unhappy' means not happy. This helps us understand and use new words better.