

WORD PARTS READING 3 (WEEK 2)

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WORD PARTS

- ⦿ Important aspect in comprehending a text
- ⦿ Many words can be broken into several parts
- ⦿ When you know the meaning and function of some common word parts, you can:
 1. guess the meaning of some new words
 2. remember the meaning of new words better
 3. increase the number of words you know

WORD PARTS

- ◉ Words in English can have three parts:
 1. a root
 2. a prefix
 3. a suffix
- ◉ The root of a word contains the basic meaning, example: happy
- ◉ A prefix is letter or group of letter added before the root to change its meaning, example: un (not) + happy = unhappy
- ◉ A suffix is letter or group of letter added after the root to change its grammatical function:
happy (adj) + ness = happiness (noun)

ROOTS OF ENGLISH WORDS

- ◉ There are two types of roots:
 1. Roots that can stand alone as words in English, example: happy, usual, break, etc.
 2. Roots that cannot stand alone. These include many roots coming from Latin, Greek, and other languages.
Examples: philos (Greek meaning ‘love’), annus (Latin meaning ‘year’), visus (Latin meaning ‘see’)

EXERCISE

- ◉ For more exercises, see page 50 - 61 in your book.