

# **Building Vocabulary**

## **Select Reading / First Classes**

Introduction:

Building Vocabulary from Word Roots is a systematic approach to word awareness and vocabulary building for students. Based on the premise that over 90 percent of English words of two or more syllables are of Greek or Latin origin, Building Vocabulary from Word Roots teaches essential word strategies that enable students to unlock the meaning of vocabulary words they encounter inside and outside of school. Building Vocabulary from Word Roots teaches Greek and Latin prefixes, bases, and A suffixes—the semantic units from which the vast majority of English words are derived.

### **What is vocabulary word building?**

Vocabulary building skills are what children need to develop their growing vocabulary. Teachers typically encourage students to read widely and research. That's what building a vocabulary is - seeing a new word, researching what it means, and putting it away to use later.

### **What is an example of a root word?**

For example, take the word **unfriendly**; both the root word and the base word are the same: **friend**. The prefix **un-** and the suffix **-ly** slightly modify the meaning and word class, but the core morpheme, friend, is both the root and the base. On its own, friend is still a word, so it qualifies as a base word.

### **What are root word examples?**

Some of the examples of **Root** words for students are  
friend (friendly),

faith (faithful),  
joy (joyful),  
care (careful),  
build (rebuild),  
break (breakable),  
read (reading),  
live (lively),  
play (replay),  
hope (hopeful), etc

### **Why is vocabulary important?**

A strong vocabulary improves all areas of communication — listening, speaking, reading and writing. Vocabulary is critical to a student's success for these reasons: Vocabulary growth is directly related to learners' achievement. The size of a student's vocabulary predicts the ability to learn to read.

### **What is the difference between root and base words?**

A root word can have a meaning or it can be a word with no meaning. It is in its original form and may come from different languages like Greek or Latin. A base word is a word that can stand on its own and has a meaning. It does not have any other words added at the beginning or the end.

### **What are the rules of a root word?**

A root word is a basic word with no prefix or suffix added to it (a prefix is a string of letters that go at the start of a word; a suffix is a string of

letters that go at the end of a word). By adding prefixes and suffixes to a root word we can change its meaning.

### **How do we acquire words?**

According to the scientist, there are two ways of acquiring words into a language: through oral speech, that is, as a result of communication with speakers of another language, and in writing.

### **How do we acquire the vocabulary effectively?**

Here are five tips for better vocabulary learning.

1. Write down new words. It's a really good idea to write down useful new vocabulary. ...
2. Revise new vocabulary regularly. So, you've got an English notebook full of useful vocabulary to remember. ...
3. Read in English. ...
4. Learn from context. ...
5. Use it or lose it!

### **What is the fastest way to learn vocabulary?**

A good idea to learn more words faster is to put them in context: Instead of writing lists of random words, try to put them in sentences. That way, you know how the word is used in real life. Plus, if you come up with funny sentences, it will be easier to memorize.

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