

Vocabulary Through Greek and Latin Roots Review

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Understanding Complex Words

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Answer the following questions based on what you've learned about breaking down complex words.

1. What new word did you understand better today? Explain how you broke it down.

2. Understanding prefixes can help you guess the meaning of a word.

True False

3. What part of the word 'biography' tells you it is about life?

- A. bio
- B. graphy
- C. bi

4. The root word is the ____ meaning of a word.

5. How can breaking down words help you become a stronger reader? Provide two reasons.

6. What is a suffix?

- A. The beginning part of a word
- B. The ending part of a word
- C. The core meaning of a word

7. The word 'replay' has a prefix that means 'again'.

True False

8. When you combine the parts of a word, you can understand its ____ meaning.

9. What does the prefix 'anti-' mean?

- A. Before
- B. Against
- C. With

10. What clues can prefixes give about a word's meaning? Explain your thoughts in 2-3 lines.

Answer Key

1. I understood the word 'unhappiness' better. I broke it down into the prefix 'un-', the root 'happy', and the suffix '-ness'. 2. True 3. bio 4. core 5. Breaking down words helps me understand their meanings better. It also makes it easier to read new words I encounter. 6. The ending part of a word 7. True 8. full 9. Against 10. Prefixes can indicate whether a word is negative or positive and can tell you about the time or place something happens. For example, 'pre-' means before.