

# INTRODUCING MAKING NEW WORDS YOUR OWN

## How We Make New Words Our Own

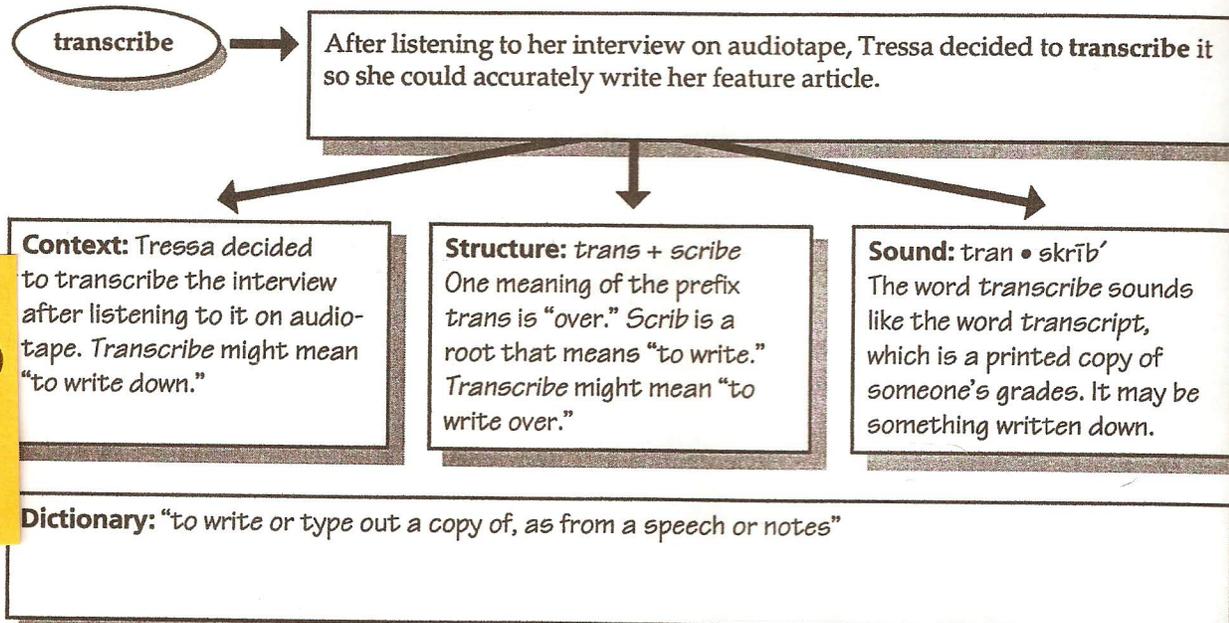
Use the Context Structure Sound Dictionary (CSSD) strategy to improve your vocabulary, to make new words your own. Use one or more of the strategies to determine the meanings of each word you do not know. The exercises that follow will show you how to go about making new words your own.

### HOW TO DO EXERCISE 1

### Wordbusting

In these exercises, you will read the Vocabulary Word in a sentence. You will figure out the word's meaning by looking at its **context**, its **structure**, and its **sound**. Then you will look up the word in a dictionary and write its meaning *as it is used in the sentence*.

Here is an example of the Wordbusting strategy, using the word *transcribe*.



Choose one → (must do one of each throughout lesson)  
Dictionary definition is required

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**Hint #1 Context:** Look for clues to the meaning of the word in the sentence. For example, *after* signals cause and effect and helps reveal the meaning of *transcribe*.

**Hint #2 Structure:** Examine the word parts for roots, prefixes, and suffixes that you know. Consult the word-part tables on pages ix–xviii for meanings of parts you do not know.

**Hint #3 Sound:** Say the word aloud and listen for any word parts you know.

**Hint #4 Dictionary:** If you cannot determine a word's meaning from applying context, structure, and sound strategies, look up the unfamiliar word in a dictionary. Read all the definitions, and choose one that best fits the given sentence.