

Increasing Vocabulary in Decatur County Schools
Power Words w/ Greek & Latin Roots / Affixes
2013-2014

Academic reading, especially in the social science and natural sciences are filled with words with Greek and Latin word parts. Knowing even one word part of an unknown word greatly enhances the reader's ability to accurately use surrounding context clues to figure out the word meaning.

This year each class in grades K through 8 will be presented 1-2 power words with prefixes and roots (see list below). These should be taught and posted on the wall in each class for one month. Throughout the month, students identify words within each content area text that use the same prefix and/ or root and add these words to the class poster. Vocabulary skills will increase as students begin to connect the use of Power Word Greek and Latin root meanings when presented new vocabulary.

Focus Each Month: Power Word, Prefix, Root

August

power word: transport prefix: trans (across) root: port (carry)

September

power word: inaudible prefix: in (not) root: aud (hear)

October

power word: unsubscribe prefix: un(not) prefix: sub (under) , root: scribe (write)

November

power word: predict prefix: pre (before) root: dict (say)

December

power word: remit prefix: re (again) root: mit (send)

Review 1st semester prefixes and roots

January

power word: encounter prefix: en (in) root: counter (against)
power word: inspect prefix: in (in) root: spect (see)

February

power word: antigen prefix: anti (against) root: gen (people)
power word: empathy prefix: em (in) root: pathy (feeling)

March /April

power word: intermediate prefix: inter (between) root: mediate (middle)
power word: destruction prefix: de (apart from) root: struction (build)
power word: superimpose prefix: super (over) prefix: im (in) root: pose (put)

May - Review all year power words, prefixes, and roots.