

The word "Vocabulary" is written in a large, bold, black, sans-serif font in the center of a sheet of lined paper. The paper is part of a desk setup with a yellow pencil, a silver pen, a blue spiral notebook, and an orange and white marker.



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College and Career Readiness Standards for Language:

4. Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases by using context clues, analyzing meaningful word parts, and consulting general and specialized reference materials, as appropriate.
6. Acquire and use accurately a range of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases sufficient for reading, writing, speaking, and listening at the college and career readiness level; demonstrate independence in gathering vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.



What information do you need to define a word?



Context

Word parts

Reference

What do you do when you read an unfamiliar word that is keeping you from understanding a text? Think about the strategies you use to determine the meaning of an unknown word.

Press each tab to learn more about the process of defining a word.



Context clues can tell you a lot about a word even without breaking the word into parts or using a dictionary.

“Fame was thrilling only until it became _____.”
– Gloria Swanson (actress, singer, producer)

What part of speech is the missing word?

Does the missing word have negative or positive connotations?

What word or words in the sentence give you an idea of its meaning?



“Fame was thrilling only until it became grueling.”
– Gloria Swanson (actress, singer, producer)

Based on context clues, can you suggest some words that might fill the blank?

The correct word is “grueling,” which means very tiring.

Although you may not have suggested this exact word, your suggestions were probably all adjectives with negative connotations.

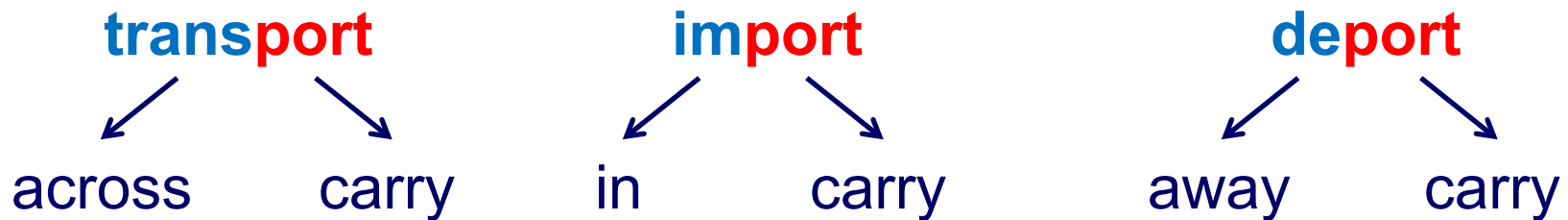
Even without knowing the word, you were able to understand its significance and, more importantly, the meaning of the sentence.



Breaking a word apart can help you figure out what the word means.

Lots of words have Greek or Latin beginnings (**prefixes**), middles (**roots**) or endings (**suffixes**).

For example, the Latin root word “port” means “to carry.”
What common words include “port”?



Being familiar with Greek and Latin word parts will greatly improve your vocabulary.



Looking at word parts can give you important clues about a word's meaning. Match the following Greek and Latin **prefixes** (word beginnings) to their meanings.

Press the information button next to each prefix to see an example word.

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Looking at word parts can give you important clues about a word's meaning.
Match the following Greek and Latin **suffixes** (word endings) to their meanings.

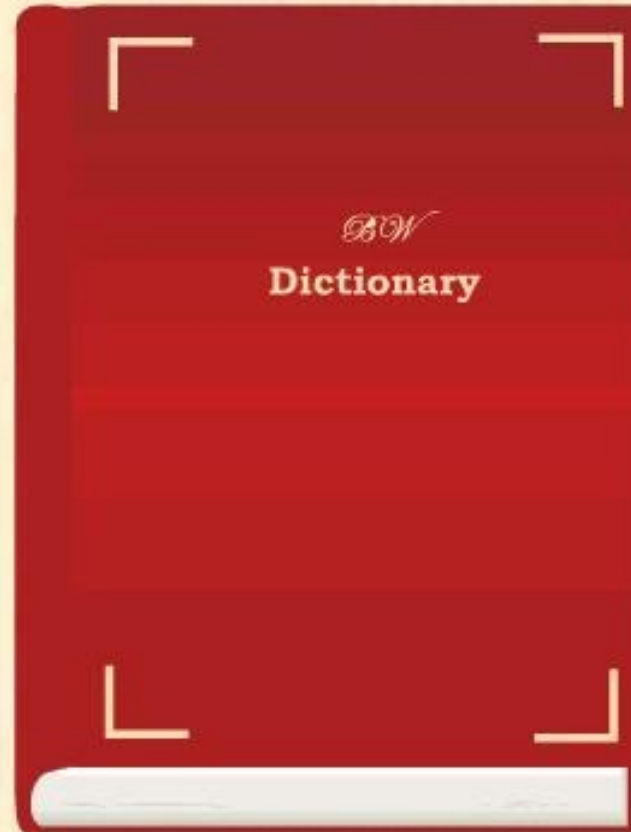
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You can use a reference source, such as a dictionary, to check your definition of a word.



Use the skills you have learned to identify the part of speech and definition of each highlighted word.

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