

Build-A-Word

Objective

The student will identify the meaning of words with affixes.

Materials

- Base word work boards
- Affix cards- Print on cardstock. Laminate for durability & protection, and cut out.
- Paper
- Pencils

Activity

Students add affixes to make words and use new words in sentences.

1. Place affix cards face down in a stack. Place the base word work boards face up in a row.
2. Student selects the top card from the stack and says the name of the affix (e.g., dis).
3. Finds the base word that, when the affix is added, will make a real word (e.g., honest).
4. Places the affix next to the base word and reads the new word (i.e., dishonest).
5. Writes new word on the paper. Writes a sentence that demonstrates the meaning of the word.
6. Parent / Educator evaluation

loudest

She was heard above everyone else because she sang the loudest.

impossible

It is impossible to live without water.

Extensions and Adaptations

- Sort affixes into prefixes and suffixes.
- Use other base words and affixes.
- Read sentences to other student and identify the words with affixes.

	Legal	
	Dress	es
mis	Behave	
	Tidy	
	Easy	
un	Pack	

Illegal
It is against the law. It is illegal.

Dresses
She has packed five dresses.

Unpack
We will unpack the bags when we arrive.

Build-A-Word Affix Cards

Print onto cardstock, laminate for durability and protection and cut out cards. Place cards in the envelope below for storage.



legal

honest

fresh

small

big

cheap

loud

protect

possible

polite

tidy

pretty

wide

respect

easy

	write	
	build	
	ball	
	soft	
	colour	

color

flavour

flavor

rest

known

spell

gain

dark

collect

brave

speak

play

nest

open

test

	bark	
	hair	
	flat	
	round	
	short	

wonder

treat

tie

ripe

lunch