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ABSTRACT

This inservice professional development module, part of the Alabama Reading Initiative, presents research summaries, notes for presenters, and activities. The Oral Language and Vocabulary module elaborates on a student's comprehension of text as it relates to the overlap between the student's system of language and the author's system of language. Knowing that the language used in children's books is 10 times more complex than the conversation of college graduates, this module shows how students need "authentic" occasions (e.g., book talks, drama) in which they practice the more "formal" language (e.g., vocabulary and structures) used in books. Sections of the module, and associated objectives, are: (1) "Research Base for Oral Language and Vocabulary Development" (examine and discuss research-based quotes about oral language and vocabulary development; examine and discuss the stages of oral language development; and discuss the instructional implications of the stages of oral language development); (2) "Components of Oral Language and Vocabulary Development" (become familiar with five components of oral language/vocabulary development; and reflect upon how the components of oral language/vocabulary development specifically relate to classroom instruction); and (3) "Practical Application" (examine the main things about oral language/vocabulary development; participate in activities that expand their own oral language and vocabulary; engage in activities designed to promote students' oral language and vocabulary development; and reflect on specific ways the instructional tools can be used to develop students' oral language and vocabulary). An appendix contains a list of prefixes, suffixes, and roots; hints, helps, and expectations for students with limited English proficiency; additional activities to develop oral language; a discussion of literature circles; a list of 100 picture books everyone should know; and a 45-item list of related research. (RS)

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## Grades K-1

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**Section 1:** **RESEARCH BASE FOR ORAL LANGUAGE AND VOCABULARY DEVELOPMENT**

Participants will:

1. Examine and discuss research-based quotes about oral language and vocabulary development.
2. Examine and discuss the stages of oral language development.
3. Discuss the instructional implications of the stages of oral language development.

**Section 2:** **COMPONENTS OF ORAL LANGUAGE AND VOCABULARY DEVELOPMENT**

Participants will:

1. Become familiar with five components of oral language/vocabulary development; phonological awareness, morphemes, syntax, semantics, and pragmatics.
2. Reflect upon how the components of oral language/vocabulary development specifically relate to classroom instruction.

**Section 3:** **PRACTICAL APPLICATION**

Participants will:

1. Examine the main things about oral language/vocabulary development.
2. Participate in activities that expand their own oral language and vocabulary.
3. Engage in activities designed to promote students' oral language and vocabulary development.
4. Reflect on specific ways the instructional tools can be used to develop students' oral language and vocabulary.

**Appendix**

Oral Language and Vocabulary Development

# WHAT THE RESEARCH SAYS

The ...child's language development is vital to his progress in reading. We are concerned not only with the development of his vocabulary, or his articulation of sounds, but with the range and flexibility of the patterns of sentences which he is able to control....Children need to be engaged in conversations about the things they know about, because familiar content provides them with opportunities to experiment in ways of expressing themselves.

Clay, 1991

A basic appreciation of the phonological structure of spoken words appears to be necessary for a child to understand how print represents the sounds of the language.

Ehri & Wilce, 1980; Perfetti et al., 1987 (in Phonemic Awareness and Phonics Module)

Reading instruction builds especially on oral language. If this foundation is weak, progress in reading will be slow and uncertain.

Anderson, Hiebert, Scott, & Wilkinson, 1985

# Stages Of Language Development

**Stage I: Random**- Vocalizing, cooing, gurgling, and babbling - the smallest units of sound in spoken language – playing with sounds that will be used in whole words later in life.

**Stage II: Unitary**- deliberate units of language that are often limited to one syllable or single words that are used to convey a whole thought, request, or command; for example, "cookie" may mean "There's a cookie." or "I want a cookie." or "Give me a cookie now!"

**Stage III: Expansion and Delimiting**- expansions of one-, two-syllable utterances that begin to express different meanings. Examples might be found in shifts from "Cookie!" to expressing different meanings in phrases such as "Look cookie!" and "Gimme cookie."

**Stage IV: Structural Awareness**- finding and using patterns and order in speech and then generalizing them or over-generalizing them, often in unconventional ways. These patterns include plurals, verb forms, etc. and productions such as "Mens wear pants." and "I goed."

**Stage V: Automatic Usage** – internalized grammar – ability to generate large numbers of sentences that are grammatically correct but cannot explain why – kindergarten-age children – "The girls hop." instead of "The girls hops."

**Stage VI: Creative Usage** - invent personal language that expresses needs of the child and communicates with peers and family. Productions may be trite and funny such as "That's jumpin." to mean something that is cool or neat.

# INSTRUCTIONAL IMPLICATIONS OF THE STAGES OF LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT

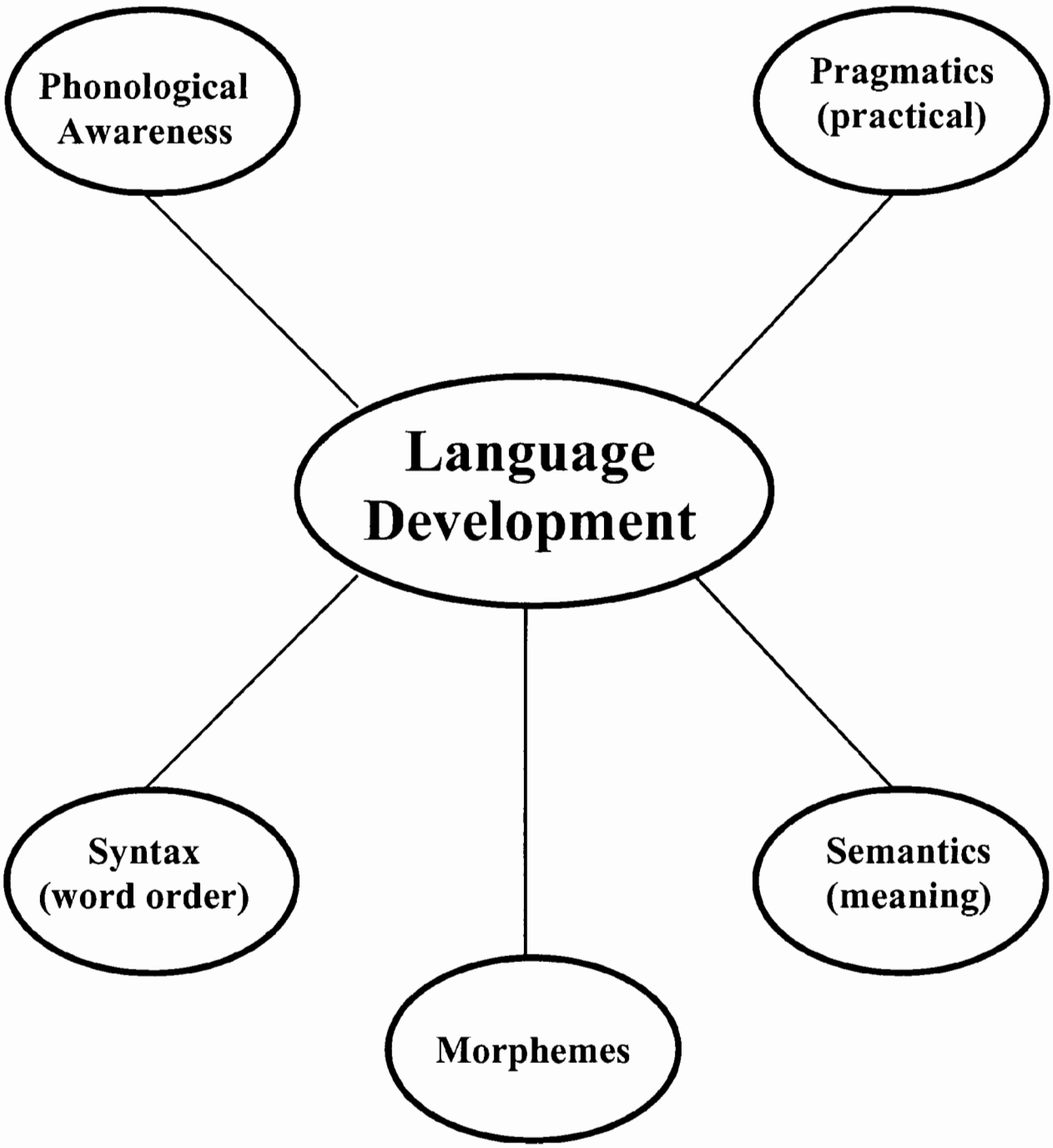
| Children learn language by: | Instruction should focus on: |
| --- | --- |
| 1. Association | 1. Association |
| 2. Reinforcement | 2. Reinforcement |
| 3. Imitation | 3. Imitation |
| 4. Elaboration | 4. Elaboration |

**Presenters note:**

Focus on instruction assumes that teachers are actively engaged with children.

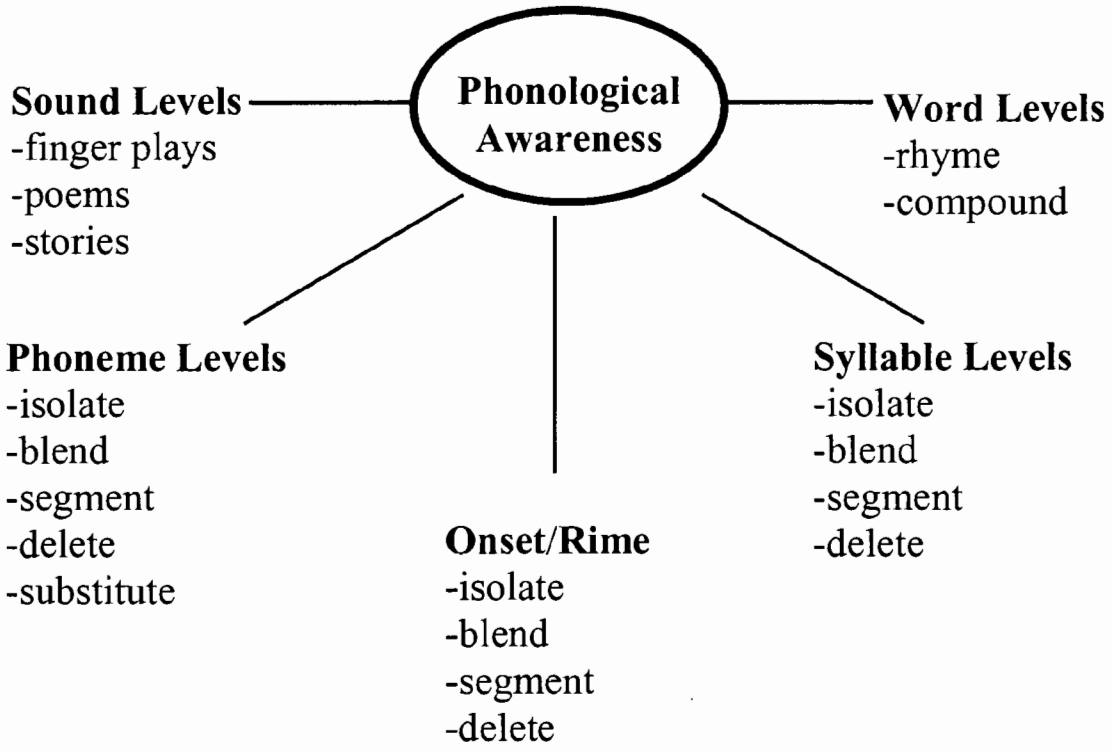
# Section Two

# COMPONENTS OF LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT



# Phonological Awareness

**Phonological Awareness** is the awareness of speech sounds including spoken words, syllables, onsets/rimes, and phonemes.

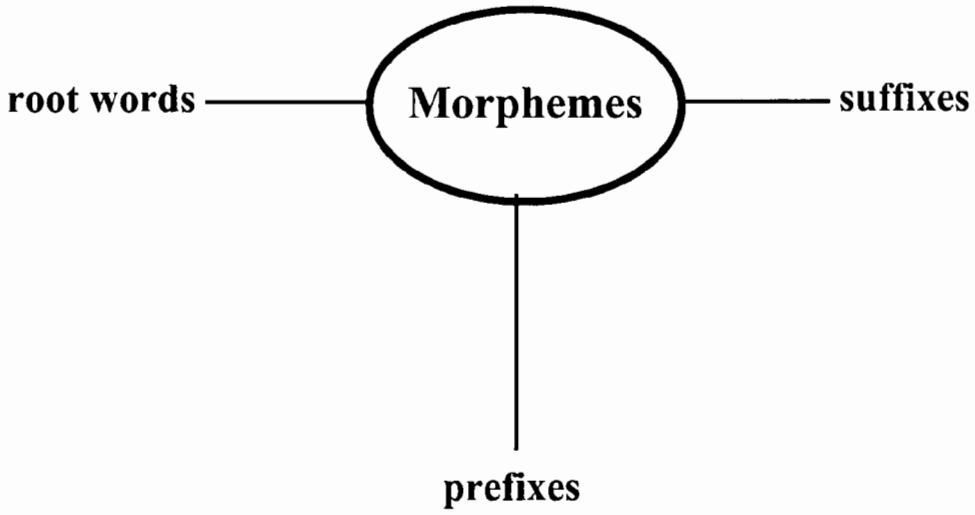



**Phonological Awareness** is relevant to Oral Language and Vocabulary Development because children use sounds to communicate.

Presenters Notes: The focus of this discussion will differ depending on grade level. This page is intended to be a short review of the Phonemic Awareness/Phonics module for teachers of grades K-3 and an introduction to phonological awareness as a component of language development for teachers in upper elementary, middle school and high school

# Morphemes

**Morphemes** are the smallest units of meaning in our language.




**Morphemes** are relevant to Oral Language and Vocabulary Development because they possess meaning.

Presenters Notes: Point out that teachers frequently spend time "teaching" common prefixes and suffixes, but these lists are short compared to the list of commonly used root words. Also point out that students who learn the meanings of common Latin and Greek prefixes, suffixes, AND root words can unlock the meaning of 80% of the words in the English language.

# Syntax

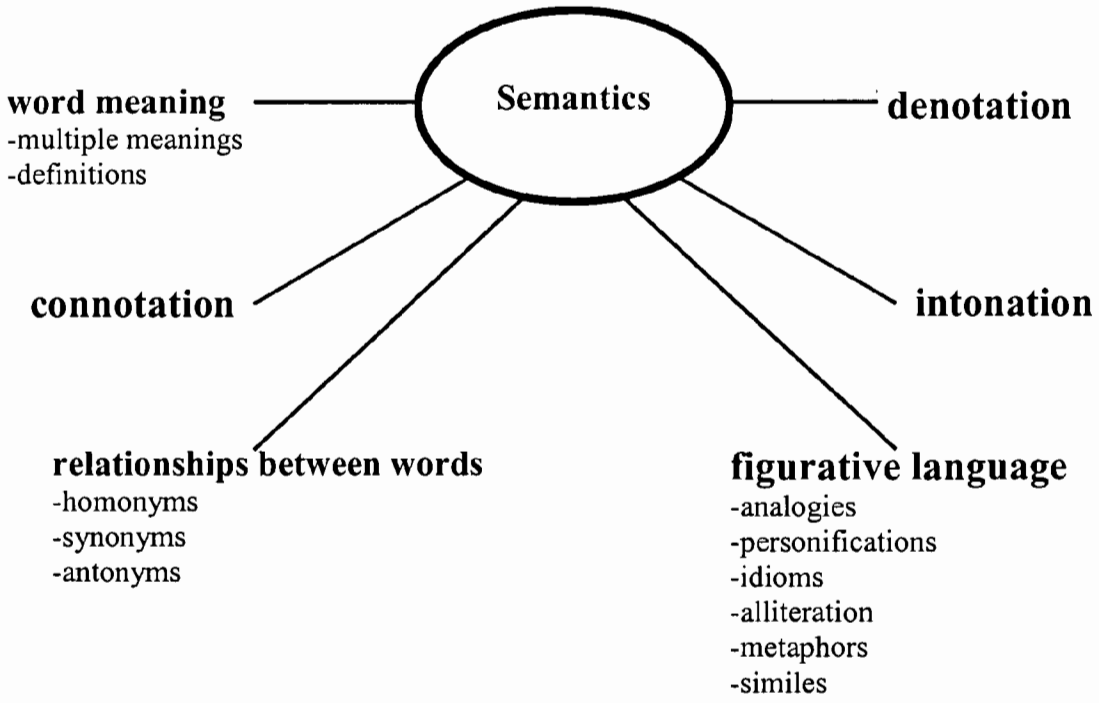
**Syntax** is the sequencing of words to convey meaning. The building falls on the man./The man falls on the building.

**Syntax** is relevant to Oral Language and Vocabulary Development because word order and word choice affect meaning.

Presenters' Notes: Discuss the use of syntax (correct and incorrect) and its effect on listeners' perceptions and impressions of the speaker.

# Semantics

**Semantics** is the meaning expressed in language.

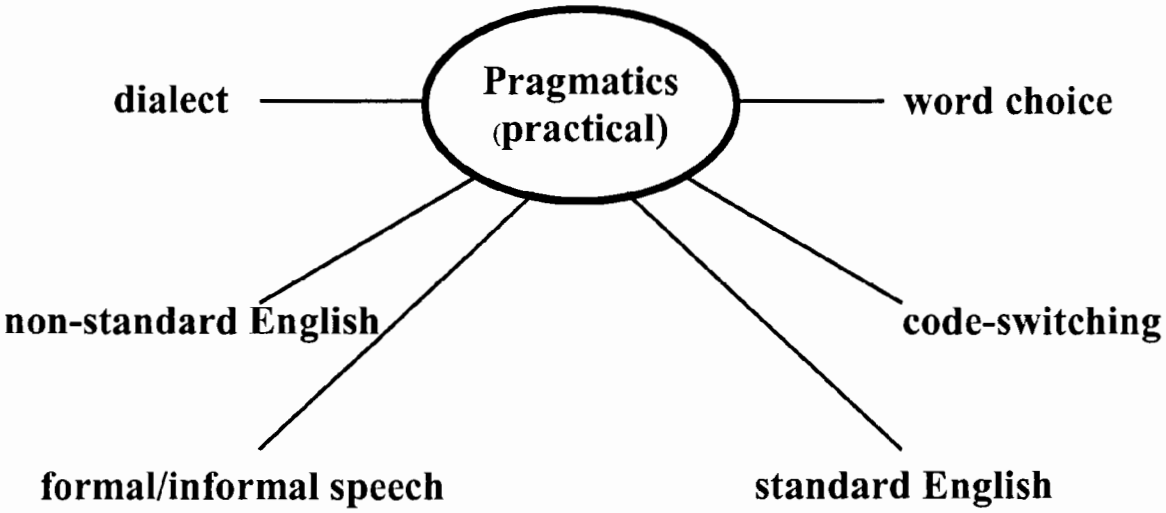



**Semantics** is relevant to Oral Language and Vocabulary Development because **meaning is the main thing**.

Presenters Notes: Discuss the use of semantics and its effect on communication and language. Encourage participants to add ways to express meaning to the diagram.

# Pragmatics

**Pragmatics** is the practical use of language.




**Pragmatics** is relevant to Oral Language and Vocabulary Development because it encompasses all the other components.

Presenters Notes: Discuss pragmatics and its effect on communication and language. Encourage participants to add ways to select language for practical use and expressions of meanings to the diagram above. Make connections between each component of language to pragmatics.

-Phonological: sequence of phonemes – axe for ask is dialect
-Syntax: she gone – non-standard English
-Morpheme: He walked quietly – standard English

## Corandic Passage

Corandic is an emurient grof with many fribs: it granks from corite, al olg which cargs like lange. Corite grinkles several other tarances, which grakers excarp by glarcking the corite and straping it in tranker-clarped storbs. The tarances strap a chark which is exparged with worters, branking a slorp.

1. What is corandic?
2. What does corandic grank from?
3. What is corite?
4. How do grakers excarp the tarances from the corite?

Presenter Notes: Do this passage as a read-aloud and have participants listen to the questions below the passage. Re-read the passage and have participants listen for answers to the questions during this second reading. After the passage is reread and questions repeated, answer each question. Discuss which components of oral language were used to answer the questions.

# Section Three

# The Main Things About Oral Language Development

1. **The systems of language and meaning develop in mutually supportive ways.**

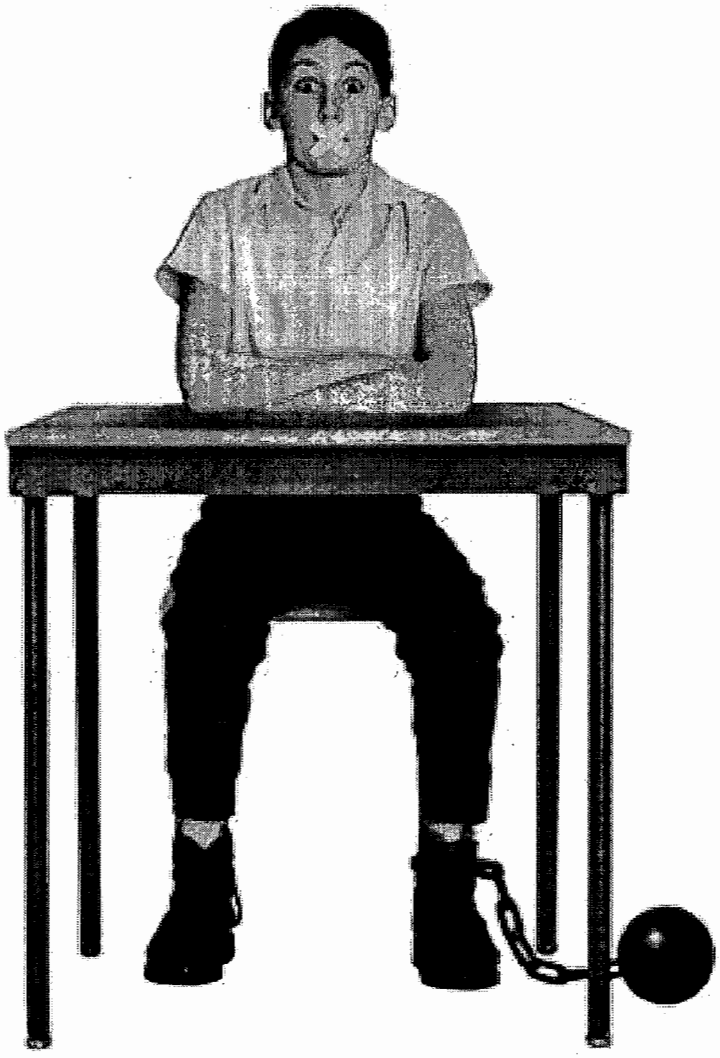
2. **Oral language development is a critical piece of reading comprehension instruction.**

3. **The system of language comes alive and develops through use as learners build meaning.**

**Sketch (resketch)**

- **In small groups, sketch your understanding of one main thing.**
- **Explain your sketch to the whole group.**
- **Ask the group what they liked about your sketch (what was important to them).**
- **Post your sketch under the main thing that it illustrates.**

# Further Exploration of the Main Thing



## One Word Summary

adapted from The Geranium on the Windowsill Just Died But Teacher You Went Right On by Albert Cullum, Harlin Quist Books, © 1971

# Making Connections

**"Text" to Self**

Connection:

Related words:

**"Text" to "Text"**

Connection:

Related words:

**"Text" to World**

Connection:

Related words:

## Possible Sentences

_____

_____

## Words for Word Wall

_____

_____

Notes for Presenters (p.14-15):

- Using the transparency "Further Exploration of the Main Things" as a "text," engage participants in activities that focus on bringing language to life and building meaning.
- Keep asking how participants' responses are connected to and/or expand the main things about oral language development.

## Exploration of Oral Language Development*

*The "text for the activities on pages 17-18 was chosen to stimulate thinking.

**He who wants milk should not sit on a stool in the middle of the pasture expecting the cow to back up to him.**

**One Word Summary**

# Making Connections

**"Text" to Self**

Connection:

Related words:

**"Text" to "Text"**

Connection:

Related words:

**"Text" to World**

Connection:

Related words:

## Possible Sentences

_____

_____

## Words for Word Wall

_____

_____

Notes for Presenters (pp.16-17):

- Using the transparency "Explorations of Oral Language Development" as a "text," engage participants in activities that focus on bringing language to life and building meaning.
- Keep asking how participants' responses are connected to and/or expand the main things about oral language development.

# Instructional Tools for Oral Language Development

## A Starter Set of Tools:

- Sketch – Resketch
- One Word Summary
- Making Connections (Text to Self, Text to Text, Text to World
- Possible Sentences
- Word Walls
- Sorts (Word, Phrase, Sentence Text)
- Concept of Definition Map
- Read Aloud
- Retelling

Notes for Presenters:
At the end of the afternoon, allow time for participants to identify the instructional tools that have been used in the demonstrations and to suggest other tools.

# Appendix

# Prefixes

**a, an** [*not, without*] amoral (without a sense of moral responsibility), atheism, anemia, atypical, atom (not cutable), apathy (without feeling)
**ab, abs. a** [*from, away*] abnormal, avert (turn away)
**acro** [*high*] acropolis (high city), acrobat, acrogen (of the highest class), acronym, acrophobia (fear of height)
**ad (ac, af, ag, al, an, ap, ar, as, at)** [*to, towards*] admire (look at with wonder), attract, admit, advance, allege, announce, assert, aggressive, accept
**ambi, amb** [*both, around*] ambidextrous (skilled with both hands), ambiguous, amble
**amphi** [*both*] amphibious (living on both land and water), amphitheater
**ana** [*on, up, backward*] analysis (loosening up or taking apart for study), anatomy, anachronism
**ante** [*before*] antedate, anteroom, antebellum, antecedent
**anti, ant** [*against*] anticommunist, .antidote, anticlimax, antacid, antarctic
**apo** [*from, off*] apostasy (standing from. abandoning a professed belief), apology, apothecary, apostle
**be** [*on, away*] bedeck, belabor, bequest, bestow, beloved
**bene, bon** [*well*] benefit, benefactor, benevolent, benediction. bonus, bona fide, bonanza
**bi, bis, bin** [*both, double, twice*] bicycle, biweekly, binoculars, bilateral, biscuit
**by** [*side, close, near*] bypass, bystander, by-product, bylaw, byline
**cata** [*down, against*] catalogue, catapult, catastrophe, cataclysm
**circum, circ** [*around*] circumference, circumnavigate, circumspect
**co (con, col, cor, com)** [*together, with*] compose, copilot, conspire, collect, concord
**coni** [*dust*] coniosis (disease which comes from inhaling dust)
**contra, counter** [*against*] controversy, contradict, counterpart
**de** [*from, down*] demote, depress, degrade, deject, deprive
**di** [*two, twice*] dilemma, diatom, dissect, diploma
**dia** [*through, between*] diameter, diagonal, diagram, diagnosis, dialogue
**dis, dif** [*apart, away, reverse*] dismiss, distort, distinguish, diffuse
**dys** [*badly, ill*] dyspepsia (digesting badly, indigestion) dystrophy
**em, en** [*in, into*] embrace, enslave
**epi** [*upon*] epidermis (upon the skin, outer layer of skin), epitaph, epithet, epigram, epitome
**eu, ev** [*well*] eulogize (speak well of, praise), eupepsia, euphony, eugenics
**ex, e, ec, ef** [*out*] expel (drive out), ex-mayor, exit, exorcism, eccentric (out of the center position), eject, emit
**extra, extro** [*beyond, outside*], extracurricular, extrovert, extraneous
**for** [*away or off*] forswear (to renounce an oath)
**fore** [*before in time*] foretell (to tell beforehand), forecast, foreshadow, foregone, forefather
**hemi, demi, semi** [*half*] hemisphere, hemicycle, semicircle, demitasse
**homo** [*man*] Homo sapiens, homicide, homunculus, hominid
**hyper** [*over, above*] hypercritical, hyperemia, hypersensitive, hypertensive, hyperactive
**hypo** [*under*] hypodermic, hypothesis, hypotension
**idio** [*private, personal*] idiom, idiosyncrasy, idiomatic
**il (ir, in, im)** [*not*] incorrect, illegal, immoral, irregular
**in (il, im)** [*into*] inject, inside, illuminate, impose, illustrate, implant, imprison
**infra** [*beneath*] infrared
**inter** [*between*] intercollegiate, interfere, intervene, interrupt (break between)
**intra** [*within*] intramural, intravenous (within the veins)
**intro** [*into, inward*] introduce, introvert (turn inward)
**macro** [*large, excessive*] macrodent (having large teeth), macrocosm
**mal** [*badly, poor*] maladjusted, malnutrition, malfunction, malady
**meta** [*beyond, after, with*] metabolism (thrown beyond, literally; hence, chemical and physical change), metaphor, metamorphosis, metaphysical
**mis** [*incorrect, bad*] misuse, misprint
**miso** [*hating, wrong*] misanthropist, misogamist, miser
**mono** [*one*] monoplane, monotone, monogamy, monochrome, monocle
**multi** [*many*] multiply, multiform, multilateral
**neo** [*new*] neopaganism, neoclassic, neologism, neophyte
**non** [*not*] nontaxable (not taxed), nontoxic, nonexistent, nonsense
**ob (of, op, oc)** [*towards, against*] obstruct, offend, oppose, occur
**para** [*beside, almost*] parasite (one who eats beside or at the table of another), paraphrase, parody, parachute, paramedic, parallel

**penta** [*five*] [entagon (figure or building having five angles or sides), Pentateuch, pentameter, pentathlon
**per** [*throughout, completely*] pervert (completely turn wrong, corrupt), perfect, perceive, permanent, persuade, pervade
**peri** [*around*] perimeter (measurement around an area), periphery, periscope, pericardium, period
**poly** [*many*] polygon (figure having many angles or sides), polygamy, polyglot, polychrome
**post** [*after*] postpone, postwar, postscript, postseason
**pre** [*before*] prewar, preview, precede, prevent, premonition
**pro** [*forward, in favor of*] project (throw forward), progress, pro-abortion, promote, prohibition
**pseudo** [*false*] pseudonym (false or assumed name), pseudo, pseudopodia
**re** [*back, again*] reclaim, revive, revoke, rejuvenate, retard, reject, return
**retro** [*backwards*] retrospective (looking backwards), retroactive, retrorocket, retrogression
**se** [*aside*] seduce (lead aside), secede, secrete, segregate
**self** [*by oneself*] self-determination, self-employed, self-service, selfish
**sesqui** [*one and a half*] sesquicentennial (one and one-half centuries)
**sub** [*under*] submerge (put under), submarine, subhuman, subject, substitute, subsoil, suburb
**suf (sug, sup, sus)** [*from under*] suffer, suggest, support, suspect, sufficient, suspend
**super, supr, sur** [*above, over, more*] supervise, superman, survivor, supreme, supernatural, superior
**syn (sym, sys, syl)** [*with, together*] sympathy, system, synthesis, symphony, syllable, synchronize (time together), synonym
**trans, tra** [*across, beyond*] transoceanic, transmit, traverse (lying across as a bridge over a stream), transfusion
**tri** [*three*] tricycle, triangle, tripod, tristate
**ultra** [*beyond, exceedingly*] ultramodern, ultraviolet, ultraconservative
**un** [*not, release*] unfair, unnatural, unbutton, unfasten
**under** [*beneath*] underground, underling
**uni** [*one, below*] unicycle, uniform, unify, universe, unique
**vice** [*in place of*] vice-president, vice-admiral, viceroy

# Suffixes

**able, ible** [*able, can do*] capable, agreeable, edible, visible (can be seen)
**ad.ade** [*result of action*] monad (a unit, an individual), blockade (the result of a blocking action), lemonade
**age** [*act of, state of, collection of*] salvage (act of saving), storage, forage
**al** [*relating to*] sensual, gradual, manual, natural (relating to nature)
**algia** [*pain*] neuralgia (nerve pain)
**an, ian** [*native of, relating to*] Czechoslovakian (native of Czechoslovakia), African
**ance, ancy** [*action, process, state*] assistance, allowance, defiance, resistance
**ant** [*performing, agent*] assistant, servant, defiant
**ar, er, or** [*one who, what which*] doctor, baker, miller, teacher, racer, amplifier
**ard, art** [*one who*] drunkard, dullard, braggart
**ary, ery, ory** [*relating to, quality, place where*] dictionary, dietary, bravery, dormitory (a place where people sleep)
**asis, esis, osis** [*action, process, condition*] genesis, hypnosis, neurosis
**ate** [*cause, make*] enumerate, liquidate, segregate (causing a group to be set aside)
**cian** [*having a certain skill or art*] logician, musician, beautician, magician, physician
**cide** [*kill*] homicide, pesticide, genocide (killing a race of people)
**cule, ling** [*very small duck*] sapling
**cy** [*action, function*] hesitancy, prophecy, normalcy
**dom** [*quality, realm, office*] boredom, freedom, kingdom, stardom, wisdom (quality of being wise)
**ee** [*one who receives the action*] employee, devotee, nominee (one who is nominated), refugee, trustee
**en** [made of, make] silken, frozen, oaken, (made of oak), wooden, lighten
**ence, ency** [*action, state of, quality*] difference, conference, proficiency (quality of being proficient), urgency
**er** [*see ar*]
**ery** [*see ary*]
**esce** [*to become*] acquiesce (become restful, peaceful), coalesce
**escent** [in the process of] convalescent, obsolescent
**ese** [*a native of, the language*] Japanese, Vietnamese
**esis** [see asis]
**esque** [*in the style of*] burlesque, arabesque
**ess** [*female*] actress, goddess, lioness
**et, ette** [a small one, group] midget, octet, baronet, bassinet
**fic** [*making, causing*] scientific, specific

**ful** [*full of*] frightful, careful, helpful (full of help)
**fy** [*make*] fortify (make strong), simplify, terrify, amplify
**hood** [*order, condition, quality*] manhood, womanhood, brotherhood
**ible** [*see able*]
**ic** [*nature of, like*] acidic, metalic (of the nature of metal), heroic, poetic
**ice** [*condition, state, quality*] justice, malice
**id, ide** [*a thing connected with or belonging to*) fluid, fluoride
**ile** [*relating to, suited for, capable of*] domicile, agile, juvenile, senile (related to being old), missile
**ine** [*nature of*] feminine, masculine, genuine, medicine
**ion, sion, tion** [*act of, state of, result of*] action, injection, infection, suspension (state of suspending)
**ish** [*origin, nature, resembling*] foolish, Irish, clownish (resembling a clown)
**ism** [*doctrine, system, manner, condition, characteristic*] alcoholism, exorcism, heroism (characteristic of a hero), Communism, realism
**ist** [*one who, that which*] artist, dentist, violinist, racist
**ite** [*nature of, quality of, mineral product*] expedite, Israelite, graphite, sulfite, dynamite (quality of being powerful)
**ity, ty** [*state of, quality*] captivity, chastity, fraternity, clarity
**ive** [*causing, making*] assertive, abusive (causing abuse), affirmative, exhaustive
**ize** [make] emphasize, liberalize (make liberal), idolize, penalize, publicize
**less** [*without*] baseless, careless (without care), artless, fearless, helpless
**ling** [*see cule*]
**ly** [*like, manner of*] carelessly, fearlessly, hopelessly, shamelessly
**ment** [*act of, state of, result*] contentment, alignment, amendment (state of amending), achievement
**mony** [*a resulting thing*] patrimony, alimony, acrimony
**ness** [*state of*] carelessness, restlessness, lifelessness
**oid** [*like, resembling*] asteroid, spheroid, tabloid, anthropoid
**ology** [*study, science, theory*] biology, anthropology, geology, neurology
**or** [*see ar*]
**ory** [*see ary*]
**osis** [*see asis*]
**ous** [full of, having] gracious, nervous, vivacious (full of life), spacious
**rhea** [*flowing, discharge*] pyorrhea, diarrhea, gonorrhea (discharge from the reproductive organs)
**ship** [*office, state, quality, skill, profession*] friendship, authorship, scholarship, dictatorship
**some** [*like, apt, tending to*] lonesome, threesome, gruesome
**tude** [*state of, condition of*] gratitude, multitude (condition of being many), aptitude, solitude
**ure** [*state of, act, process, rank*] culture, literature, pressure, rupture (state of being broken)
**ward** [*in the direction of*] eastward, forward, backward
**y** [*inclined to, tend to*] cheery, crafty, faulty, dirty, itchy

# Roots

**acer, acid, acri** [*bitter, sour, sharp*] acerbic (bitter, harsh), acerbate (embitter), acidity (sourness), acrid, acrimony
**acu** [sharp] acute, acuity, acupuncture
**ag, agi, ig, act** [*do, move, go*] agent (doer), agenda (things to do), agile, navigate (move by sea), pedagogue (child-mover, teacher), ambiguous (going both ways, not clear), retroactive, agitate
**ali, allo, alter** [*other*] alias ( a person's other name), alternative, alibi, alien (from another country), alter (change to another form), allotment, allocate
**altus** [*high, deep*] altimeter, exalt, altitude, alto
**am, amor** [*love, liking*] amiable, amorous, enamored
**anim** [*mind, will*] unanimous, animosity, equanimity, magnanimous, animal
**anni, annu, enni** [*year*] anniversary, annually (yearly), centenial (occurring once in 100 years), per annum, annuity
**anthrop** [*man*] anthropoid (man-like, e.g., an ape), anthropology (study of mankind), misanthrope (hater of mankind), philanthropic (love of mankind)
**antico** [*old*] antique, antiquated, antiquity
**arch** [*chief, first, rule*] archangel (chief angel), architect (chief worker), archaic (first; very early), archives, monarchy (rule by one person), matriarchy (rule by the mother), patriarchy (rule by the father), archeology
**aster, astr** [*star*] aster (star flower), asterisk, asteroid, disaster (originally a bad happening from a contrary influence by a star), astrology (lit., star-speaking; pseudoscience of influence by stars and planets), astronomy (star law), astronaut (lit., star traveler; space traveler)
**aud, aus** [*hear, listen*] audible (can be heard), auditorium, audio, audition, audience, auditory, auscultate

**aug, auc** [*increase*] augment, auction, augur

**auto, aut** [*self*] automobile (self-moving vehicle), autograph (self-writing; signature), automatic (self-acting), autonomy (lit., self-laws; self-government), autobiography (lit., self-life writing)

**belli** [*war*] rebellion, belligerent (warlike or hostile), bellicose

**bibl** [*book*] Bible, bibliography (writing, list of books), bibliomania (craze for books), bibliophile (book lover)

**bio** [*life*] biology (study of live things), amphibious, biography, biophysics, biopsy (cutting living tissue for examination), microbe (small, microscopic living thing), biogenesis

**breve** [*short*] breve, brevity, abbreviate, brief

**bursa** [*purse, payment*] reimburse, disbursements (money paid out)

**cad, cas** [*to fall*] cadaver, cadence, caducous (falling off), cascade

**calor** [*heat*] calorie (a unit of heat), calorify (to make hot), caloric, nonchalant

**cande** [*shine*] candor, candelabra, candid

**cap, cip, cept** [*take*] capable, capacity, capture, anticipate, participate, principal, accept, except, conception, deceptive, perception, conceive, receive, forceps

**capit, capt** [*head*] decapitate (to remove the head from), capital, captain, caption, recapitulate

**carn** [*flesh*] carnal, carnage, carnivorous (flesh eating), incarnate, reincarnation

**caus, caut** [*burn, heat*] cauterize, cauldron, caustic

**cause, cuse, cus** [*cause, motive*] because, excuse (to attempt to remove the blame or cause; exonerate), accusation

**ced, ceed, cede, cess** [*move, yield, go, surrender*] cede (yield), antecedent (moving, occurring before), accede, concede, intercede, precede, recede, secede (move aside from), proceed (move forward), success

**chrom** [*color*] chrome (color purity), chromatic, chromosome (color body in genetics), Kodachrome, monochrome (one color), polychrome (many colored)

**chron** [*time*] chronological (in order of time), chronometer (time-measured), chronicle (record of events in time), synchronize (make time with, set time together), anachronism (lit., back in time; anything backwards in historical time)

**cide** [*kill*] suicide (self-killer or self-killing), homicide (man, human killer or killing), genocide (race killing), tyrannicide (tyrant killer or tyrant killing), pesticide (pest killer), germicide (germ killer), insecticide (insect killer)

**cise** [*cut*] decide (cut off uncertainty), precise (cut exactly right), concise, incision, scissors, criticize

**cit** [*to call, start*] incite, citation, cite

**civ** [*citizen*] civic (relating to a citizen), civil, civilian, civvies (citizen clothing), civilization

**clam, claim** [*cry out*] exclamation, clamor, proclamation, reclamation, acclamation, declamation, claim

**clemen** [*merciful*] inclement (not merciful), clemency, clement

**clud, clus, claus** [*shut*] include (to take in), recluse (one who shuts himself away from others), claustrophobia (abnormal fear of being shut up, confined), conclude, include, preclude, seclude, close, closet

**cognosc, gnosi** [*know*] prognosis (forward knowing), diagnosis (thorough knowledge), recognize (to know again), incognito (not known), agnostic (not knowing about God)

**cord, cor, card** [*heart*] cordial (hearty, heartfelt), accord, concord, discord, record, courage, encourage (put heart into), discourage (take heart out of), core, coronary, cardiac

**corp** [*body*] corporation (a legal body), corpse, corps, corporal, corpulent

**cosm** [*universe, world*] cosmos (the universe), cosmic, cosmology, cosmopolitan (world citizen), cosmonaut, microcosm, macrocosm

**crat** [*rule, strength*] autocracy, democratic

**crea** [*create*] creature (anything created), recreation, creation, creator

**cred** [*believe*] creed (statement of beliefs), credo (a creed), credence (belief), credit (belief, trust), credulous (believing too readily, easily deceived)

**cresc, cret, crease, cru** [*rise, grow*] crescendo (growing in loudness or intensity), crescent (growing, like the moon in first quarter), acretion, concrete (grown together, solidified), increment (amount of growth), increase, decrease, accrue (to grow, as interest in money)

**crit** [*separate, choose*] critical, criterion (that which is used in choosing), diacritical, hypocrisy

**cub, cumb** [lie down, lean back] incubate (to hatch by keeping), encumber to place a burden upon), cumbersome, succumb, incumbent

**cur, curs** [*run*] current (running or flowing), concurrent, concur (run together, agree), curriculum (lit., a running, a course), cursory (done hastily, "on the run"), incur (run into), precursor (forerunner), recur, occur, courier

**cura** [*care*] manicure (caring for the hands), curator, curative

**cus, cuse** (see *cause*)

**cycl, cyclo** [*wheel, circular*] Cyclops (a mythical giant with one eye in the middle of his forehead), cyclone (a wind blowing circularly: a tornado), unicycle, bicycle

**deca** [*ten*] decade, decalogue, decapod (ten feet), Decapolis, decathlon

**dem** [*people*] democracy (people-rule), demagogue (people-leader, one who stirs up people for selfish ends), demography (vital statistics of the people: deaths, births, etc.), epidemic (on or among the people; general), pandemonium

**dent, don't** [*tooth*] dental (relating to teeth), orthodontist (a dentist who practices orthodontia), denture, dentifrice

**derm** [skin] hypodermic (under skin; injected under the skin), dermatology (skin study), epidermis (on skin; outer layer), taxidermy (arranging skin; mounting animals)

**dic, dict** [*say, speak*] dictation (how one speaks, what one says), dictionary, dictate, dictator, dictum (a saying), dictaphone, dictagraph, dictatorial, edict, predict, verdict, contradict, adjudicate (to speak the law, to judge), benediction

**domin** [master] dominate, dominion, domain, predominant, Anno Domini (in the year of our Lord, abbreviated A.D.)

**don** [*give*] donate (make a gift), condone

**dorm** [*sleep*] dormant, dormitory

**dox** [*opinion, praise*] doxy (belief, creed, or ism), orthodox (having the correct, commonly accepted opinion), heterodox (differing opinion; contrary, self-contradictory), doxology (statement or song of praise), paradox

**drome** [*to run, step*] syndrome (run together; symptoms) hippodrome (a place where horses run)

**duc, duct** [*lead*] duke (leader), induce (lead into, persuade), secure (lead aside), traduce (lead across in public disgrace, vilify), aquaduct (water leader, artificial channel), subdue, ductile (easily drawn out or hammered thin), viaduct, conduct, conduit, produce, reduce, educate

**dura** [*hard, lasting*] durable, duration, duramen, endurance

**dynam** [*power*] dynamo (power producer), dynamic, dynamite, hydro-dynamics (lit., water power), dyne (unit of power, force), dynamometer, dynasty (power, rule by successive members of a family)

**end, endo** [*within*] endoral (within the mouth), endocardial (within the heart), endoskeletal, endoplasm

**equi** [*equal*] equinox, equilibrium

**erg** [*work*] energy, erg (unit of work), allergy, ergophobia (morbid fear of work), ergometer, ergograph

**fac, fact, fic, fect** [*do, make*] factory (the place where workmen are employed inmaking goods of various kinds), fact (a thing done, a deed), facsimile, facility, manufacture, faculty, amplification, affect

**fall, fals** [*deceive*] fallacious, falsify, fallacy

**fer** [*bear, carry*] ferry (carry by water), odoriferous (bearing an odor), coniferous (bearing cones, as a pine tree), pestiferous (bearing disease), fertile (bearing richly), defer, infer, refer, suffer (bear under, as under yoke), referee, referendum, circumference

**fic, fect** (see *fac*)

**fid, fide, feder** [*faith, trust*] fidelity, confident, confidante, infidelity, infidel, fiduciary (held in trust, confidential), perfidy (breaking faith), bona fide (in good faith), federal, confederacy, Fido

**fila, fili** [*thread*] filament (a threadlike conductor heated by electrical current), filiform (having the shape of a thread), filter, filet

**fin** [*end, ended, finished*] final, finite, infinite, finish, confine, fine, refine, define, finale

**fix** [*fix*] fix (a difficult position), transfix (to hold motionless), fixation (the state of being attached), fixture, affix, prefix, suffix

**flex, flect** [*bend*] flex (bend), reflex (bending back), flexible, flexor (muscle for bending), inflexibility, reflect, deflect, genuflect (bend the knee)

**flu, fluc, fluv** [*flowing*] influence (to flow in), fluctuate (to wave in an unsteady motion), fluviograph (instrument for measuring the flow of rivers), fluid, flue, flush, fluently, affluent

**form** [*form, shape*] form, uniform, conform, deform, reform, perform, formative, formation, formal, formula

**fort, forc** [*strong*] fort, fortress (a strong point, fortified), fortify (make strong), forte (one's strong point), forte (strong, loud in music), fortitude (strength for endurance), force, effort, comfort, pianoforte, force (power)

**fract, frag** [*break*] fracture (a break), infraction, fragile (easy to break), fraction (result of breaking a whole into equal parts), refract (to break or bend, as a light ray), refractive, fragment

**fum** [*smoke*] fume (smoke; odor), fumigate (destroy germs by smoking them out), perfume

**gam** [*marriage*] bigamy (two marriages), monogamy, polygamy (lit., many marriages), exogamy, endogamy, gamete, gambit

**gastro** [*stomach*] gastric, gastronomic, gastritis (inflammation of the stomach)

**gen** [*birth, race, produce*] genesis (birth, beginning), Genesis, genus, genetics (study of heredity), eugenics (lit., wellborn), genealogy (lineage by race, stock), generate, progeny (offspring), genitals (the reproductive organs), congenital (existing as such at birth), indigenous (born, growing or produced naturally in a region or country), genetic, hydrogen (lit., water-born element)

**geo** [*earth*] geometry (earth measurement), geography (lit., earth-writing), geocentric (earth centered), geology, geochemistry, geophysics

**germ** [*vital part*] germination (to grow), germ used (seed; living substance, as the germ of an idea), germane

**gest** [*carry, bear*] congest (bear together, clog), suggestion (mental process by which one thought leads to another), congestive (causing congestion), gestation, suggestion, gesture

**gloss, glot** [*tongue*] polyglot (many tongues), epiglottis, glossary, glottic

**glu, glo** [*lump, bond, glue*] conglomerate (bond together), agglutinate (make to hold in a bond)

**grad, gress** [*step, go*] grade (step, degree), gradual (step by step), graduate (make all the steps, finish a course), graduated (in steps or degrees), aggressive (stepping toward, pushing), transgress (step across limits, break a law)

**graph, gram** [*write, written*] graph, graphic (written; vivid), autograph (self-writing, signature), photography (light-writing), graphite (carbon used for writing), phonograph (sound-writing), bibliography, monograph (writing on one subject), telegram (far writing)

**grat** [*pleasing*] congratulate (express pleasure over success), gratis (as a favor, free), gratuitous (gratis), gratuity (mark of favor, a tip), grateful, gracious, ingrate (not thankful; hence, unpleasant), ingratiate

**grav** [*heavy, weighty*] grave, gravity, aggravate, gravitate

**greg** [*herd, group, crowd*] gregarian (belonging to a herd), congregation (a group functioning together), segregative (tending to group aside or apart), aggregation

**hab, habit** [*have, live*] habitat (the place in which one lives), inhabit (to live in; to establish as residence), rehabilitate, habitual

**helio** [*sun*] heliograph (as instrument for using the sun's rays), heliotrope (a plant which turns to the sun)

**hema, hemo** [*blood*] hematid (red blood corpuscle), hemotoxic (causing blood poisoning), hemorrhage, hemoglobin, hemophilia, hematose

**here, hes** [*stick*] adhere, cohere, inherent

**hetero** [*different*] heterogeneous (different in birth; miscellaneous), heterodox, heterochromatic (of different colors), heteromorphic (of different forms), superheterodyne, heterosexual (with interest in opposite sex)

**homo** [*same*] homogeneous (of same birth or kind), homonym (word with same name or pronunciation as another), homosexual (with sex desire for those of the same sex), homologous (same-minded, agreeing), homogenize

**hum, human** [*earth, ground, man*] humility, (quality of lowliness), humane (marked by sympathy, compassion for other human beings and animals), humus, exhume, humanity

**hydr, hydro, hydra** [*water*] dehydrate (take water out of; dry), hydrant (water faucet), hydraulic (pertaining to water or to liquids), hydraulics, hydrogen, hydrophobia (fear of water), hydrodynamics, hydroelectric

**hypn** [*sleep*] hypnoidal (relating to hypnosis or sleep), hypnosis, Hypnos (god of sleep), hypnotherapy (treatment of disease by hypnosis)

**ignis** [*fire*] ignite, igneous, ignition

**ject** [*throw*] deject, inject, project (throw forward), eject, object, ejaculate

**join, junct** [*join*] junction (act of joining), enjoin (to lay an order upon; to command), juncture, conjunction, joint, adjoining, injunction

**jud, judi, judic** [*judge, lawyer*] judge (a public officer who has the authority to give a judgment), abjure (reject the case), judicial (relating to administration of justice), judicious, prejudice

**jur, jus** [*law*] justice (a just judgment; as justice must be served), conjure (to swear together; to imagine; to entreat; as, conjure the king to be merciful), juror, jurisdiction

**juven** [*young*] juvenile, juvenescent (becoming young), rejuvenate (to make young again)

**later** [*side, broad*] lateral, latitude

**laut, lav, lot, lut** [*wash*] lavish (flowing like water), dilute (to make a liquid thinner and weaker), ablution (a washing away), launder (to wash and iron clothes), lavatory, laundry, lotion, deluge

**leg** [*law*] legal (lawful; according to law), legislate (to enact a law), legislature (a body of persons who can make laws), legitimize (make legal), legacy

**letter, lit, liter, litera** [*letters*] litany (prayer consisting of invocations and responses), literary (concerned with books and writing), literature (the best works written during the century), literal, alliteration, obliterate

**levis** [*light*] alleviate (lighten a load), levitate, levity

**lic, licit** [*permit*] license (freedom to act), licit (permitted; lawful; conceded), illicit (not permitted), licentious (taking liberties; disregarding rules, especially in morals)

**lith** [stone] monolith (one stone, a single mass), lithography (stone writing, printing from a flat stone or metal plate), neolithic (new stone, of the layer stone age), paleolithic (ancient stone)

**liver, liber** [free] liberal (relating to liberty), delivery (freedom; liberation), liberalize (to make more free; as., to liberalize the mind from prejudice), deliverance

**loc, loco** [place] locomotion (act of moving from place to place), locality (locale; neighborhood), allocate (to assign; to place; apportion), relocate (to put back into their homes)

**log, logo, ology** [*word, study, speech*] Logo (the word, Jesus), logic (orig., speech; then reasoning), prologue, epilogue, dialogue, catalogue, logorrhea (a flux of words; excessively wordy), zoology (animal study), psychology (mind study), theology (god study)

**loqu, locut** [*talk, speak*] eloquent (speaking out well and forcefully), loquacious (talkative), colloquial (talking together; conversational or informal), obloquy (a speaking against, a reproach), circumlocution (talking around a subject), soliloquy

**luc, lum, lus, lun** [*light*] Luna (the moon goddess), lumen (a unit of light), luminary ( a heavenly body; someone who shines in his profession), translucent (letting light come through), luster (sparkle; gloss; glaze), illuminate

**lude** [play] ludicrous, prelude (before play), interlude

**magn** [*great*] magnify (make great, enlarge), magnificent, magnanimous (great of mind or spirit), magnate, magnitude, magnum

**man** [hand] manual, manage, manufacture, manacle, manicure, manifest, maneuver, emancipate

**mand** [command] mandatory (commanded), remand (order back), writ of mandamus (written order from a court), countermand (order against, cancelling a previous order), mandate

**mania** [*madness*] mania (insanity; craze; excessive craving), monomania (mania on one idea), kleptomania (thief mania; abnormal tendency to steal), pyromania (insane tendency to set fires), dipsomania (uncontrollable craving for alcoholic drink), manic, maniac

**mar, mari, mer** [*sea, pool*] mermaid (fabled marine creature, half fish), marine (a sailor serving on shipboard), marsh (wetland, swamp), maritime

**matri, matro, matric** [*mother*] matrimony (state of wedlock), maternal (relating to the mother), matris (mother goddess of the Hindu deities), matron

**medi** [*half, middle, between, halfway*] mediate (come between, intervene), medieval (pertaining to the middle ages), mediterranean (lying between lands), medium (a person having the faculty to make contact with the supernatural), mediocre

**mega** [*great*] megaphone (great sound), megacephalic (great-headed), megalith, megalopolis (great city; an extensive urban area including a number of cities), megacycle (a million cycles), megaton (force of a million tons of TNT), omega (great)

**mem** [remember] memorandum (a note; a reminder), commemoration (the act of observing by a memorial or ceremony), memento, memoir, memo, memorable

**meter** [*measure*] meter (a measure), gravimeter (instrument for measuring weight and density), voltameter (instrument to measure volts in an electric circuit), barometer, thermometer

**micro** [*small*] microscope, microfilm, microcard, microwave, micrometer (device for measuring very small distance), micron (a millionth of a meter), microbe (small living thing), microorganism, omicron (small)

**migra** [wander] migrate (to wander), emigrant (one who leaves a country), immigrate (to come into the land to settle), migrator (one who roves; a wanderer)

**mit, miss** [*send*] emit (send out, give off), remit (send back, as money due), submit, admit, commit, permit, transmit (send across), omit, intermittent (sending between, at intervals), mission, missile

**mob, mot, mov** [*move*] mobile (capable of moving), motionless (without motion), motor (that which imparts motion; source of mechanical power), emotional (moved strongly by feelings), motivate, promotion, demote

**mon** [*warn, remind*] admonish (warn), admonition, monitor, premonition (forewarning), monument (a reminder or memorial of a person or event), reminisce

**monstr, mist** [*show*] demonstrate (to display; show) muster (to gather together; collect; put on display) demonstration, monstrosity

**mori, mort, mors** [*mortal, death*] mortal (causing death or destined for death), immortal (not subject to death), mortality (rate of death), immortality, mortician (one who buries the dead), mortification

**morph** [*form*] amorphous (with no form, shapeless), anthropomorphic (man form), Morpheus (the shaper, god of dreams), morphine (drug making sleep and dreams), metamorphosis (a change of form, as a caterpillar into a butterfly), morphidite

**multi, multus** [many, much] multifold (folded many times), multilinguist (one who speaks many languages), multiped (an organism with many feet), multiply (to increase a number quickly by multiplication)

**nasc, nat** [*to be born, to spring forth*] nature (the essence of a person or a thing), innate (inborn, inherent in), international (between or among nations), renascence (a rebirth; a revival), natal, native, nativity

**neur** [*nerve*] neuritis (inflammation of a nerve), neuropathic (having a nerve disease), neurologist (one who practices neurology), neural, neurosis, neurotic

**nom** [*law, order*] autonomy (self-law, self-government), astronomy, Deuteronomy (lit., second law, as given by Moses), gastronomy (lit., stomach law; art of good eating), agronomy (lit., field law; crop production), economy (household law, management)

**nomen, nomin** [*name*] nomenclature, nominate, nominal

**nounce, nunci** [*warm, declare*] announcer (one who makes announcements publicly), enunciate (to pronounce carefully), pronounce (declare; articulate), renounce (retract; revoke), denounce

**nov** [*new*] novel (new; strange; not formerly known), renovate (to make like new again), novice, nova, innovate

**nox, noc** [*night*] nocturnal, equinox (equal nights), noctiluca (something which shines by night)

**null** [*none*] null, nullification, nullify, nullifidian (one who has no faith), nulliparous

**number, numer** [*number*] numeral (a figure expressing a number), numeration (act of counting), numberable (can be numbered), enumerate (count out, one by one), innumerable

**omni** [*all, every*] omnipotent (all powerful), omniscient (all knowing), omnipresent (present everywhere), omnivorous (all eating), omnibus (covering all things)

**onus** [*burden*] onerous (burdensome), onus, exonerate (to take out or take away a burden)

**onym** [*name*] anonymous (without a name), pseudonym (false name), antonym (against name; word of opposite meaning), synonym

**oper** [*work*] opera (a work which has been set to music and is sung instead of spoken), operate (to labor; function), opus (a musical composition or work), cooperate (work together)

**ortho** [*straight, correct*] orthodox (of the correct or accepted opinion), orthodontist (tooth straightener), orthopedic (originally pertaining to straightening a child), orthography (correct writing, spelling), unorthodox

**oss, osteo** [*bone*] ossicle (a small bone), ossification (the process of making into bone), osteopath (one who practices osteopathy), osteoporosis (a condition in old age when bones become porous and fragile)

**pac** [*peace*] pacifist (one for peace only; opposed to war), pacify (make peace, quiet), Pacific Ocean (peaceful ocean)

**pan** [*all*] Pan American, panacea (cure-all), pandemonium (place of all the demons; wild disorder), pandemic, panchromatic (sensitive to all colors), pantheism (all-god belief; belief that God is all and all is God)

**pater, patr** [*father*] patriarch (the head of the tribe, family), patron (a wealthy person who supports as would a father), paternity (fatherhood; responsibility, etc.), patriot

**path, pathy** [*feeling, suffering*] pathos (feeling of pity, sorrow), pathetic, sympathy, antipathy (against feeling), apathy (without feeling), empathy (feeling or identifying with another), telepathy (far feeling; through transference), pathogenic (disease being born; causing suffering or disease)

**ped, pod** [*foot*] pedal (lever for a foot), impede (get the feet in a trap, hinder), impediment, pedestal (foot or base of a statue), pedestrian (foot traveler), centipede, tripod (three-footed support), podiatry (care of the feet), antipodes (opposite feet; parts of the earth diametrically opposed)

**pedo** [*child*] orthopedic, pedagogue (child leader, teacher), pedant (narrow-minded teacher), pediatrics (medical care of children)

**pel, puls** [*drive, urge*] compel, dispel, expel, repel, impel, propel, pulse, impulse, pulsate, compulsory, expulsion, repulsive

**pend, pens, pond** [*hang, weigh*] pendant (a hanging object), appendix, pendulum, depend, impend, suspend, perpendicular, pending, dispense, pensive (weighing thought), appendage, ponderous (weighty)

**phan, phen** [*show, appear*] phantom, phenomental, fantasy

**phemi** [*speak*] euphemism (speak well of), prophet

**phil** [*love*] philosophy (love of wisdom), philanthropy, philharmonic, bibliophile, Philip, Philadelphia (city of brotherly love)

**phobia** [*fear*] phobia (abnormal fear), claustrophobia (fear of closed places), acrophobia (fear of high places), photophobia (fear of light), aquaphobia (fear of water), pyrophobia (fear of fire)

**phon** [*sound*] phonograph, phonetic (pertaining to sound), phonology, symphony (sounds with or together), polyphonic (having many sounds or tunes), dictaphone, euphony (pleasing sound)

**photo** [*light*] photograph (light-writing), photoelectric, photoflash, photogenic (artistically suitable for being photographed), photometer (light meter), photon (a quantum of light energy), photosynthesis (action of light on chlorophyll to make carbohydrates)

**pict** [*paint*] pictograph (writing with pictures or symbols), picture (make a mental image), depiction (the act of depicting or representing), picturesque, pictorial

**plac, plais** [*please*] placid (calm, unruffled), placatory (appeasing, soothing), placebo, placate, complacent (self-satisfied)

**plenus** [*full*] plenary, replenish, plentiful, plenteous

**plic, pli, ply** [*fold*] inexplicable, pliable, implicate

**plu, plur, plus** [*more*] plus (indicating that something is to be added), plural (more than one), pluralist (one who holds two or more jobs), plurisyllabic (having more than one syllable)

**pneuma, pneumon** [*breath*] pneumatic (pertaining to air, wind or other gases), pneumonia (disease of the lungs), pneumatogram (tracing of respiratory movements)

**pod** (see *ped*)

**poli** [*city*] metropolis (mother city; main city), police, politics, Indianapolis, megalopolis, Acropolis (high city, fortified upper part of Athens), cosmopolite (world citizen)

**pon, pos, pound** [*place, put*] postpone (put afterward), component, opponent (one put against), proponent, depose, expose, impose, purpose, propose, deposit, deposition, expound, compound, posture (how one places himself), position, post

**pop** [*people*] population (the number of people in an area), Populist (a member of the Populist party), populous (fll of inhabitants), popular

**port** [*carry*] porter (one who carries), portable, transport (carry across), report, export, import, support, comport, deportment (how one carries himself, behaves), portage, transportation, port, disport

**portion** [*part, share*] portion (a part; a share, as a portion of pie), proportion (the relation of one share to others),portionless (without portionl without dowry)

**posse, potent** [*power*] posse (an armed band; a force with legal authority), possible, potent, potentate, omnipotent, impotent

**prehend** [*seize*] apprehend (seize a criminal, seize an ideal), comprehend (seize with the mind), comprehensible, comprehensive (seizing much, extensive), reprehensible (needing to be seized back, rebuked)

**prim, prime** [*first*] primacy (state of being first in rank), prima donna (the first lady of opera), primitive (from the earliest or first time), primary, primal

**proto** [*first*] prototype, protocol, protagonist, protozoan

**psych** [*mind, soul*] psyche (soul, mind), psychic (sensitive to forces beyond the physical), psychiatry (healing of the mind), psychology, psychopath (mind feeling; one with mental disease), psychosis (serious mental disorder), psychotherapy (mind treatment), psychogenic (of psychic birth, origin)

**punct** [*point, dot*] punctual (being exactly on time), punctum (a dotl a point), compunction (remorse; points of guilt), punctuation, puncture, acupuncture

**put** [*think*] computer (a computing or thinking machine), deputy, reputable (honorable; estimable; a thinker), dispute, repute

**quies** [*be at rest*] acquiesce, quiescent, quiet

**reg, recti** [*straighten*] regular, rectify (make straight), regiment, rectangle, correct, direct, erect, incorrigible

**ri, ridi, risi** [*laughter*] ridicule (laughter at the expense of another; mockery), deride (make mock of; jeer at), risible (likely to laugh), ridiculous

**rog, roga** [*ask*] prerogative (privilege; asking before), interrogation (questioning; the act of questioning), surrogate, derogatory

**rupt** [*break*] rupture (break), interrupt (break into), abrupt (broken off), disrupt (break apart), erupt (break out), incorruptible (unable to be broken down)

**salv, salu** [*safe, healthy*] salvation (act of being saved), salvage (that which is saved after appearing to be lost), salvable, salubrious (healthy), salutary (promoting health), salute (wish health to)

**sat, satis** [*enough*] sate (to satisfy, sate with food), satisfy (to give pleasure to; to give as much as is needed), satient (giving pleasure, satisfying), satiate, saturate

**sci** [*know*] science (knowledge), conscious (knowing, aware), omniscient (knowing everything), prescient (knowing beforehand)

**scope** [*see, watch*] scope (extent one can see), telescope, microscope, kaleidoscope (instrument for seeing beautiful forms), periscope, horoscope (hour watcher), episcopal (overseeing; pertaining to a bishop), stethoscope

**scrib, script** [*write*] scribe (a writer), scribble, inscribe, describe, subscribe, prescribe,ascribe, scrivener, manuscript (written by hand), scripture (the Bible)

**sed, sess, sid** [*sit*] sedentary (characterized by sitting), sedate (sitting, settled, dignified), preside (sit before), president, reside, subside, sediment (that which sits or settles out of a liquid), session (a sitting), obsession (an idea that sits stubbornly in the mind), possess

**sen** [*old*] senior, senator, senescent (growing old), senile (old; showing the weakness of old age)

**sent, sens** [*feel*] sentiment (feeling), presentiment (feeling beforehand), assent, consent, resent, dissent, sentimental (having strong feeling or emotion), sense, sensation, sensitive, sensory, dissension

**sequ, secu, sue** [*follow*] sequence (following of one thing after another), sequel, consequence, subsequent, obsequious (blindly following), prosecute, execute, consecutive (following in order), ensue, pursue, second (following first)

**serv** [*save, serve*] servant, service, subservient, servitude, servile, reservation, preserve, conserve, deserve, observe, conservation

**sign, signi** [*sign, mark, seal*] signal (a gesture or sign to call attention), signature (the mark of a person written in his own handwriting), design, insignia (distinguishing marks), signify

**silic** [*flint*] silicon (a nonmetallic element found in the earth's crust), silicosis (a disease prevalent among miners and stone cutters who breathe much dust)

**simil, simul** [*like, resembling*] similar (resembling in many respects), simulate (pretend; put on an act to make a certain impression), simulation (pretense; counterfeit display), assimilate (to make similar to), simile

**sist, sta, stit, stet** [*stand*] assist (to stand by with help), circumstance, stamina (power to withstand, to endure), persist (stand firmly; unyielding; continue), stanchion (a standing brace or support), substitute (to stand in for another), status (standing), state, static, stable, stationary

**solus** [*alone*] solo, soliloquy, solitaire, solitude

**solv, solu** [*loosen*] solvent (a loosener, a dissolver), solve, solvency, insolvency, absolve (loosen from, free from), resolve, soluble, solution, resolution, resolute, dissolute (loosen morally)

**somnus** [*sleep*] somnific, insomnia (not being able to sleep), somnambulant (a sleepwalker)

**soph** [*wise*] sophomore (wise fool), philosophy (love of wisdom), sophisticated (worldly wise),sophistry, sophist, theosophy (wise about God)

**spect, spect, spic** [*look*] specimen (an example to look at, study), specific, spectator (one who looks), spectacle, speculate, aspect, expect, inspect, respect, prospect, retrospective (looking backwards), suspect (look under), perspective, circumspect, introspective, conspicuous, despicable

**sphere** [*ball, sphere*] sphere (a plant a ball), stratosphere (the upper portion of the atmosphere), hemisphere (half of the earth),biosphere, spheroid

**spir** [*breathe*] spirit (lit., breath), conspire (breathe together; plot), inspire (breathe into), aspire (breathe toward), expire (breathe out, die), spirant, perspire, respiration

**spond, spons** [pledge, answer) sponsor (one who pledges responsibility to a project), correspond (to communicate by letter; sending and receiving answers), irresponsible, respond

**stereo** [*solid*] stereotype (to fix in lasting form), stereome (strengthening tissue in plants), stereograph

**string, strict** [*draw, tight*] stringent (draw tight, rigid), astringent (drawing tightly, as skin tissue), strict, restrict, constrict (draw tightly together), boa constrictor (snake that constricts its prey)

**stru, struct** [*build*] structure, construct, instruct, obstruct, construct (build in the mind, interpret), destroy, destruction, instrument (originally, a tool for building)

**sume, sump** [*take, use, waste*] assume (to take; to use), consume (to use up), presume (to take upon oneself before knowing for sure), presumption, sump pump (a pump that takes up water)

**tact, tang, tag, tig, ting** [*touch*] contagious (transmission of disease by touching), contact (touch)m tact (sense of touch for the appropriate), intact (untouched, uninjured), intangible (not able to be touched), tangible, contingent (touching together, depending on something), tactile

**techni** [*skill, art*] technician (one who is skilled in the mechanical arts), pyrotechnics (display of fireworks), technique, technology

**tele** [*far*] telephone (far sound), telegraph (far writing), telegram, telescope (far look), television (far seeing), telephoto (far photograph), telecast, telepathy (far feeling), teletype, teleprompter

**tempo** [*time*] tempo (rate of speed), pro tem (for the time being), extemporaneously, contemporary (those who live at the same time), temporary, temporal

**ten, tin, tain** [*hold*] tenacious (holding fast), tenant, tenure, untenable, detention, retentive, content, pertinent, continent, obstinent, abstain, contain, pertain, detain, obtain, maintain

**tend, tent, tens** [*stretch, strain*] tendency (a stretching; leaning), extend, intend, contend, pretend, superintend, tender, tent, tension (a stretching, strain), tense, tensile, attention

**terra** [*earth*] territory, terrestrial, terrain, terrarium

**test** [*to bear witness*] testament (a will; bearing witness to someone's wishes), detest, attest (certify; affirm; bear witness to), testimony, contest, intestate

**the, theo** [*God, a god*] monotheism (belief in one god), polytheism (belief in many gods), atheism (belief there is no god), pantheism (belief that God is all things), theogony (birth, origin of the gods), theology

**therm** [*heat*] therm (heat unit), thermic, thermal, thermometer, thermos bottle,thermostat (heat plus stationary; a device for keeping heat constant), hypothermia (subnormal body temperature), thermonuclear

**thesis, thet** [*place, put*] antithesis (place against), hypothesis (place under), synthesis (put together), epithet

**tom** [*cut*] atom (not cutable; smallest particle of matter), appendectomy (cutting out an appendix), tonsillectomy, epitome (cut on; a summary), dichotomy (cutting in two; a division), anatomy (cutting, dissecting to study structure)

**tort, tors** [*twist*] torsion (act of twisting, as a torsion bar), torture (twisting to inflict pain), retort (twist back, reply sharply), extort (twist out), distort (twist out of shape), contort, tortuous (full of twists, as a mountain road)

**tox** [*poison*] toxic, intoxicate, antitoxin

**tract, tra** [*draw, pull*] tractable (can be handled), abstract (to draw away), tractor, attract, subtract, subtrahend (the number to be drawn away from another)

**trib** [*pay, bestow*] tribute (a fine paid to be conquering power), distribute (to divide among many), redistribute, contribute (to give money to a cause), attribute, retribution, tributary

**trophy** [*nourishment, development*] dystrophy (badly nourished), atrophy

**tui, tuit, tut** [guard, teach] tutor (one who teaches a pupil), tuition (payment for instruction or teaching fees), intuent (knowing by intuition)

**turbo** [*disturb*] turbulent, turmoil, disturb, turbid

**typ** [*print*] type, prototype (first print, model), typical, typography, typewriter, typology (study of types, symbols) typify

**ultima** [*last*] ultima (last; final; most remote), ultimate (man's last destiny), ultimatum (the final or last offer that can be made)

**unda** [*wave, flow*] abundant, inundate, undulation, redundant

**uni** [*one*] unicorn (a legendary creature with one horn), uniface (a design that appears only on one side), unify (make into one), university, unanimous, universal

**vac** [*empty*] vacate (to make empty), vacuum (a space entirely devoid of matter), evacuate (to remove troops or people), vacation, evacuee, vacant

**vale, vali, valu** [*strength, worth, valor*] valor (value; worth), validity (truth; legal strength), equivalent (of equal worth), evaluate (find out the value; appraise actual worth), valedictorian, valiant, value

**ven, vent** [*come*] convene (come together, assemble), intervene (come between), circumvent (come around), adventure, invent, subvention, venturesome, convent, inventory, venture, venue, event, eventually, souvenir, contravene (come against), avenue, advent, convenient, prevent

**ver, veri** [*true*] verity (truth), very, verify (show to be true), verisimilitude, aver (say to be true, affirm), verdict

**vert, vers** [*turn*] avert (turn away), divert (turn aside, amuse), invert (turn over), introvert (turn inward, one interested in his own reactions), extrovert (turn outward, one interested in what is happening outside himself), controversy (a turning against; a dispute), reverse, versatile (turning easily from one skill to another), convertible, adversary, adverse

**vest** [*clothe, to dress*] vest (an article of clothing; vestment), investor (one who has laid out money for profit), travesty, vestry, vestment

**vic, vicis** [*change, substitute*] vicarious, vicar, vicissitude

**vict, vinc** [*conquer*] victor (conqueror, winner), evict (conquer out, expel), convict (prove guilty), convince (conquer mentally, persuade), invincible (not able to be conquered), evince, eviction

**vid, vis** [*see*] video (television), vision, evident, provide, providence, visible, revise, supervise (oversee), vista, visit, visage

**viv, vita, vivi** [*alive, life*] revive (make live again), survive (live beyond, outlive), vivid (full of life), vivify (enliven), convivial (fond of "living it up" with friends), vivisection (surgery on a living animal), vitality, vivacious (full of life)

**voc** [*call*] vocation (a calling), avocation (occupation not one's calling), convocation (a calling together), invocation (calling in), evoke, provoke, revoke, advocate, provocative, vocal, vocation, vocabulary

**vol** [*will*] malevolent, benevolent (one of good will), volunteer, volition

**vola** [*to fly*] volatile (able to fly off or vaporize), volley, volery, volitant

**volcan, vulcan** [*fire*] Vulcan (Roman god of fire), volcano (a mountain erupting fiery lava), volcanize (to undergo volcanic heat), vulcanist

**volvo** [*turn about, roll*] voluble (easily turned about or around), voluminous, volution, revolt

**vor** [*eat greedily*] voracious, carnivorous (flesh-eating), herbivorous (plant-eating), omnivorous (eating everything), devour (eat greedily)

**zo** [*animal*] zoo (short for zoological garden), zoology (study of animal life), zoomorphism (attributing animal form to God), zodiac (circle of animal constellations), protozoa (first animals; one-celled animals)

# Numerical Prefixes

| Prefix | Symbol | Multiples and Submultiples | Equivalent | Prefix | Symbol | Multiples and Submultiples | Equivalent |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| tera | T | $10^{12}$ | trillionfold | centi | c | $10^{2}$ | hundredth part |
| giga | G | $10^{9}$ | billionfold | milli | m | $10^{3}$ | thousandth part |
| mega | M | $10^{6}$ | millionfold | micro | u | $10^{6}$ | millionth part |
| kilo | k | $10^{3}$ | thousandfold | nano | n | $10^{9}$ | billionth part |
| hecto | h | $10^{2}$ | hundredfold | pico | p | $10^{12}$ | trillionth part |
| deka | da | 10 | tenfold | femto | f | $10^{15}$ | quadrillionth part |
| deci | d | $10^{1}$ | tenth part | atto | a | $10^{18}$ | quintillionth part |

Many expressions used by children who speak a variation of English may be foreign to teachers, and many expressions used by teachers may have different connotations for the students. The similarities between the dialects of English and standard English can also cause misunderstandings between students and teachers because both groups may feel they "understand" what the others are saying when, in actuality, they may not. These "misunderstandings" may be especially true for **black English**, a variation of standard English, which is in the class of non-standard English. Black English and standard English appear similar, but hey are not. Labov's research in the 1980's suggests that the differences between black English and standard English are becoming greater than narrower. He states that he would not rule out "the possibility that it is contributing to failure of black children to learn to read. How much a little child has to do to translate!"[10] (See "Nonstandard English Speaking Students: A Special Emphasis" in Chapter 16.)

***Special Note*** Black English is also referred to as **Ebonics** (a combination of ebony and phonics). [11]

Children who come from homes where a language other than English is the dominant one may also have language difficulties when they enter school unless they are truly bilingual. The dictionary definition of bilingual states that one must be capable of using two languages equally effectively. However, many school children who speak a language other than standard English at home are not bilingual. These children may hear only "noises" when they first enter school, because the English sounds have little or no meaning for them. They will often confuse the language spoken at home with their newly acquired English an vice versa. It is not a question of one language being better than or preferred over another, but rather one of helping children to get along in the dominate social, economic, and political culture and to become a part of it. Unless students learn to communicate in standard English as well as in a dialect or another language, they will have difficulty in finding their "places in the sun" in the economy.

[10]William Labov,Professor of Linguistics, Personal communication, University of Pennyslvania, 1998
[11]See Dorothy Rubin, "What about Ebonics?" *School Leader*, 26(May/June 1997): 28-30, 42.

Let us now turn to the development of language.

Even though linguists, those who study language, do not generally agree on how children acquire language, most would agree that the acquisition of language is a most important aspect of the child's intellectual development during the preschool years. Young children must determine, solely from the speech around them, the rules that govern language usage, so that they are able to understand and to produce well-constructed sentences. Amazingly, this difficult and complex task is accomplished by almost all children!

## STAGES IN LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT

A theoretical model describing the process of language learning consistent with recent research, but not dependent on the innateness assumption, follows.[12] In this model children's language development is divided into a number of stages that overlap; that is, children enter into higher stages well before they have completed earlier (lower) stages. The age at which children enter the various stages is dependent on individual differences. The ages given are approximations and are supplied by the author of this text. (See Figure 2.2 on page 29 for age approximations for the various language-acquisition stages.)

### Stage One: Random

In the **random stage**, children are involved in vocalizing, cooing, gurgling, and babbling. They make most of the sounds that they will need in articulation later on. Children vary the way they use their lips, mouths, and tongues. the sounds children produce are a chance assortment, but adults hear them as the *phonemes* (smallest units of speech sounds)of language. Often children's babbling is composed of consonant-vowel links, such as Ma-ma-ma or Da-da-da. These first sounds are usually greeted with joy and delight by children's parents. No matter how unintelligible the sounds, the parents will perceive them to be words meaning "Mama" and "Daddy." Parents are excited because they feel that their children have spoken. They will many times repeat the sounds of "Mama" and "Dada," and reward the

E. Brooks Smith, Kenneth S.Goodman, and Robert Meredith, *Language and Thinking in School*, 2d. ed. (New York: Holt, Rinehart and Winston, 1976), pp 17-26

children with extra attention and smiles every time they produce these sounds. Such reinforcement usually causes children to repeat the response. Such imitative utterances are often referred to as *echoic speech*.

**Stage Two: Unitary**

In the **unitary stage** children develop deliberate units of language that are often limited to one syllable. The length of each utterance is a function of the child's level of physical development and control over his or her sound-producing mechanism, since the processes of language development and physical maturation are simultaneous. For example, one-year-old children usually have only a one-digit word span (the children can only retain and repeat one digit). The word that the children use is an abbreviation for their association with the total situation. Single words are used to convey whole sentences. Sometimes a single utterance is used to signify a variety of adult sentences. For example, "See" may mean "I see you" or "Let me see it." The child's use of such single-word utterances to express complex ideas is often referred to as *holophrastic speech*.

Children's speech has been described as "telegraphic."[13] Their early forms of speech include those words that convey a major meaning from the speech heard. In **telegraphic speech** children are able to get and convey the message even though it is beyond their digit span. In *telegraphic speech*, when the children use more than one word, the word order of adult speech is preserved.

How are children able to extract the most meaningful words from fairly complex utterances? One explanation is that content words are those that parents may have practiced with the children one at a time. For example, the parents may use association; that is, they pair a real apple with the word sound "apple." When the children repeat the word the parents may reinforce them by smiling and saying "Good." Content words also receive the most stress in a sentence, and may therefore be the easiest to discern.

**Stage Three: Expansion and Delimiting**

In the **expansion and delimiting stage**, children go from one- or two-syllable utterances to adult language structure. At approximately eighteen or twenty months children's first two-word utterances usually appear. These consist of words from two classes. The first, called the pivot class, is small, contains words of high frequency, and may be in either the first or second position. Each pivot word is usually fixed in one or the other, however, First or second position merely refers to the place of the word in a given sentence. The second, called the open class, contains all other words. In speaking, the children combine a single pivot word with other words. For example, "See Mommy," "See Daddy," "See kitty," "See baby"." (*See* is the pivot word.) In the examples, "Gimme that," "Gimme bunny," "Gimmie cookie," *gimme* is the pivot word. In the examples, "Baby off," "Mommy off," "Blanket off," *off* is a pivot word that appears in the second position. Some two-word utterances may serve a number of speech purposes. For example, "Mommy play," might mean "Mommy is playing" or "I want Mommy to play with me."

Researchers in language development, considering the problem of how children's telegraphic speech becomes elaborated, supposed that a constant exposure to adult speech may be a sufficient basis for children to enlarge their own speech. However, from observing parent-child interactions, it was found that parents often "model," that is, reiterate their child's message in an expanded pattern. For example, if a child say "Kitty drink," the parent is apt to say, "Yes, the kitty is drinking his milk." The parents help children to see that their utterances are correct for the situation and add other appropriate language elements that are grammatical.

If parents "overload" the information that is presented to children at this stage by using too many words, the children will probably not get the message. For example, Gertrude L. Wyatt, an authority on language problems, writes of four-and-one-half-year old twins who were having difficulty in speaking because their mother flooded them with too much information. The boys were looking at a picture book with their mother when this dialogue took place.

**STEVE:** How do aya-pa go?
**MOTHER (who has understood Steve's question):** It takes an elephant fifteen years to reach mature size. Elephants are mammals with an enormous appetite.

The language pattern that the mother presented did not fit the boys' stage of development. As a result, communication between mother and sons broke down. The mother's rapid speech and sophisticated

[13]Roger Brown and Ursula Bellugi, "Three Processes in Child's Acquisitionof Syntaqx." *Harvard Education Review* 34 (1964): 133-151.

vocabulary had overloaded the boys' receiving systems to the point where they were unable to distinguish and remember single sounds and sequences of sounds.[14]

By thirty-six months of age some children are using varieties of complete English sentences. Through the gradual expansion of speech, the child, by about four years of age, has mastered the features of adult speech.

**Stage Four: Structural Awareness**

So that children can express their increasingly abstract ideas and feelings, they must come to the **structural awareness stage**, where they are able to generalize and find pattern and order in speech. As children begin to use plurals and to vary their verb forms, the most common type of mistake they make indicates that the rules they follow are overgeneralized and do not include exceptions. For example, irregular verbs are regularized, making the past tense of "I go," "I goed."

**Stage Five: Automatic**

In the **automatic stage** children have internalized grammar, so that they can generate a large number of sentences that are grammatical although they cannot explain why conscious by reasoning. Children are usually at this stage when they are ready to enter kindergarten.

**Stage Six: Creative**

At the creative stage children are involved in inventing their own language. Although many of the phrases they use may be trite, expressing the attitudes of their peer group or community, they fulfill the children's needs.

Figure 2.2 illustrates the language development stages just discussed.

**Summary of Stages**

It appears that children learn language by association (pairing the real object with the sound of the word), *reinforcement* (any positive stimulus, such as praise, which usually causes the individual to repeat a given response), *imitation* (children's attempting to voice the sounds initially voiced by the parent figures and *elaboration* (expanding a word into a complete sentence).

Children may have difficulty in acquiring language if they are not exposed to elaborated speech patterns and if they are not listened to. (See Chapter 5 for a discussion of the child's development of articulation.)

Excerpt from *Teaching Elementary Language Arts* by Dorothy Rubin (2000), Meedham Heights, MA, Allys ed Baear.

**HINTS, HELPERS AND EXPECTATIONS**
**For Students with Limited English Proficiency (LEP)**
**and Students Learning English as a Second Language (ESL)**

1. Rely on yourself and your abilities; your common sense, love for children and open minded attitudes; your knowledge of child development and language acquisition; your good teaching practices.

2. Learning begins where the student is. You will get positive results if you expect positive results. Lack of the English language is not an intellectual deficiency.

3. Communicate in any way possible (#31 addresses the need for a communication notebook). Body language is important. Speak slowly and distinctly, in a normal tone. Gradually make your language more complex.

4. Make no assumptions that LEP students understand. Have them demonstrate their understanding whenever possible.

5. Accept any verbal response in a positive manner. Use correction sparingly. Do not correct the students' grammar until they are comfortable with English usage. (Perhaps repeat the sentence correctly, but do not draw attention to their error directly.)

6. Learn all you can about the students' country and culture (don't go overboard and overwhelm the students... Asian students tend to be shy about drawing attention to themselves). Expect cultural differences and try to understand and respect them.

7. Encourage students to speak their native language with friends or family members at school. (The psychological effects can be negative.)

8. Daily instructional objectives should be specific and limited in content.

9. Build schema (background information) for the student whenever possible.

10. Show empathy for the student, not sympathy.

11. Appreciate and capitalize on what the LEP student brings into your classroom: fluency and literacy in a language, conceptual development, a high motivation to learn English, and a rich cultural heritage.

12. Using common sense and empathy as our guide, help the student learn acceptable behavior. Discipline appropriately, when necessary.

13. Be positive, patient, reinforcing, and at ease. SMILE and keep the stress level as low as possible for the student and for yourself.

14. Use many VISUAL aids and clues to help the student understand.

15. Learn to pronounce the student's name. Do not try to Americanize it unless the student initiates the change.

16. A silent period is normal for an LEP student. Generally it takes several weeks or months for the student to adjust to a new language environment and gain sufficient input for spontaneous speech production to begin.

17. Developmental stages of language learning are predictable. Nouns and verbs are learned first; pronouns and adjectives come later. Once the student learns to use nouns and verbs, simple sentences can be made.

18. Be sure the student understands standard classroom procedures.

19. Try to get a parent volunteer to work with the student on a regular basis.

20. Provide many opportunities for interaction among students.

21. Have an English-speaking student read simple texts aloud to the LEP student. Encourage the LEP student to follow along and repeat.

22. Involve the student in as much as possible, as soon as possible.

23. Encourage LEP students to work together and assist one another. Do not allow them to become too dependent on each other or exclusive of other members of the class.

24. Allow LEP students to participate in more than one reading group if possible. They may need to hear the lesson twice.

25. Each day give the LEP student some meaningful assignment in which they can be successful. Handwriting or math calculations are often good for this.

26. Provide the student with as many listening opportunities as possible.

27. Help the English-speaking students understand and respect these newcomers and their situations by studying the LEP student's country and compare it to the culture in the United States.

28. In elementary school, especially, many teachers prepare a special folder or box for each LEP student that includes picture cards, word cards, penmanship sheets, simple readers, flash cards or other age-appropriate materials. LEP students should ALWAYS have work to do when unable to participate in the regular class work. THE STUDENT SHOULD NOT JUST SIT!

## ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES TO DEVELOP ORAL LANGUAGE

1. Story Wheel:
   1.1. Assign each group a children's picture book.
   1.2. Have students read the book.
   1.3. Divide the book into events. Around 8 events make a challenging but not too hard story-wheel activity.
   1.4. Have students draw a large circle on butcher paper. Use of a string and chalk may help with precision. Divide the circle into wedges (like pieces of a pie) corresponding to the number of events identified for the particular story. Cut the wedges.
   1.5. Color each of the scenes on a wedge of the circle.
   1.6. Paste parts of the circle in chronological order, in an exploded circle on another sheet of paper. This can be the "visual aid" to a book talk about the book.
2. Read, reread, and enjoy books familiar to children. Write your own version to a familiar story.

- *Cinderella* stories
- *The Gingerbread Man* and *The Stinky Cheese Man*
- *Little Red Riding Hood* and *Lo Po Po*
- Legends
- Tall tales

3. Read and enjoy literature with rich vocabulary (homonyms, idioms, cliches); then create your own response.

- *Amelia Bedelia*
- *The King Who Reigned*
- *Anamalia*
- *Quick as a Cricket*
- *A Cache of Jewels*
- *Kites Sail High*
- *Many Lucious Lollipops*

4. Read and write stories and poems containing literary techniques such as figurative language, alliteration, similes, personification, analogies.
5. Read and discuss content texts, relating to prior knowledge and experiences; then create response projects using new words and the language of the unit. Expand language usage in content texts by searching for synonyms, antonyms, homonyms, and multiple meanings.
6. Choral reading

- *Poems for Two Voices*
- Chants and Rap

7. Reader's Theater and other related drama

- Commercially prepared
- Create your own scripts

8. Storytelling by teachers and students(with props such as puppets)

- The oral tradition
- Folk tales
- Fables
- Legends

9. Character Interviews (literary or historical)

- InQuest
- Levels of Questioning

10. Character Role Plays

- Descriptive language
- Character journals
- Circle Stories

- *If You Give a Mouse a Cookie*
- Create your own circle stories (demands active listening and critical thinking skills, as well as knowledge of story structure)

11. Discussion (teacher-led, student-led)

- Content unit response
- Character education
- Current events
- Narrative and informational texts

12. Grand Conversations (Marilyn Eeds)

- Instructional Conversations

13. Word for the Day/Thought for the Day

**ABOVE ALL: READ ALOUD DAILY!!!**

# LITERATURE CIRCLES

Adapted from: Harvey Daniels. (1994). *Literature circles: Voices and choice in the student-centered classroom.* York, ME: Stenhouse.

"Literature circles are small, temporary discussion groups who have chosen to read the same story, poem, article, or book. While reading each group-determined portion of the text (either in or outside of class), each member prepares to take specific responsibilities in the upcoming discussion, and everyone comes to the group with the notes needed to help perform that job. The circles have regular meetings, with discussion roles rotating each session. When they finish a book, the circle members plan a way to share highlights of their reading with the wider community; then they trade members with other finishing groups, select more reading, and move into a new cycle. Once readers can successfully conduct their own wide-ranging, self-sustaining discussions, formal discussion roles may be dropped."

Literature Circles build metacognitive capacity in children, particularly in understanding narrative text and images. They:

- promote a love for literature and positive attitudes toward reading
- reflect a constructivist, child-centered model of literacy
- encourage extensive and intensive reading
- encourage talk about language, word choice, and sentence structures
- invite natural discussions that lead to student inquiry and critical thinking
- support diverse response to texts
- foster interaction and collaboration
- provide choice and encourage responsibility
- expose children to literature from multiple perspectives
- nurture reflection and self-evaluation

**Quick training procedure** (A more in-depth description can be found in Daniels, 1994.)

1. Provide a wide choice of good books, and invite everyone to "choose themselves" into a group of four people who want to read the same book.
2. Hand out sets of role sheets and let people in each group divide themselves up however they want. The roles that are *required* are:

a. **Discussion director:** Has the official responsibility to think up some good discussion questions, convene the meeting and solicit contributions from other group members.

b. **Literary luminary/passage master:** Takes readers back to memorable, important sections of the text and reads them aloud.

c. **Connector:** Takes everyone from the text world out into the real world where experiences in their own life, happenings at school or in the community, or other people and problems they are reminded of are connected with the literature.

d. **Illustrator**: Adds a graphic, nonlinguistic response to the text — a sketch, cartoon, diagram, flowchart, or stick-figure scene.

***Optional roles include:***

a. **Summarizer:** Prepares a brief summary of that day's reading , a quick one- or two-minute statement that conveys the key points and main highlights.

b. **Vocabulary enricher/word wizard**: Is on the lookout for a few especially important words in the day's reading, words that may be puzzling or unfamiliar; marks them down when reading, looks them up in the dictionary, and records definition, marks words that are repeated a lot as keys to meaning of the text.

c. **Travel tracer:** Keeps track of when the setting changes, where the action takes place in the day's reading. Describes each setting in detail, either with words or with an action map or a diagram that can be shown to the group.

d. **Investigator/researcher**: Digs up background information on any topic related to the book. Might include information about the author, time period portrayed in the book, geography, weather, culture, or history of the book's setting—not a formal research report.

3. Have someone serving in each role read aloud its description for the whole class, so that everyone hears what other roles will be part of the group. Clarify nature of the roles and answer questions .

4. Give a set amount of time for reading and role-sheet preparation (20-30 minutes is plenty). Tell the groups to assign themselves a section of the book that everyone feels can comfortably be finished in five minutes less than the allotted time. The remaining five minutes will be used to prepare the role sheet.

5. When everyone has done the reading and prepared the role sheets, invite groups to get together for 15-20 minutes. Clearly explain that the main goal is to have a natural conversation about the book. Role sheets will serve as a starting point for the discussion.

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