

Root Word Study

Vocabulary and Root Words

Why Root Words?

- Liberty = *Latin word: Libertas.*
- *Telescope*
 - Tele = far off*
 - Skopos = to look at*
- Combined with prefixes and suffixes
- Gives us clues when breaking words apart to understand meaning

For what purpose would a scientist use a *telescope*?

Vocabulary Notebook

- Keep track of root words and other vocabulary
- Write your own definitions
- Add visuals and graphic organizers
- Write a summary of what you learned
- Write example sentences
- Write questions to show understanding of the term

Root Words

What do you notice?

As I looked at the mess on the floor, I began to **suspect** that the dog was the culprit.

suspect

spectacle

The guy made a **spectacle** of himself as he danced on the table.

spec or spect

- To watch or see

In **retrospect**, I realized it wasn't a good idea after all.

- With a partner, brainstorm as many words as you can think of with the word spec or spect in it
- Share

Homework

- Write 3 sentences that contain a minimum of one root word for each sentence.
- Write these examples in your vocabulary notebook.
- Prize for the sentence with the most words with the root spec or spect that is written with proper punctuation and sentence structure.

What do you notice?

As my brother flexed his muscles in the mirror, he admired his **reflection**.

deflect
reflection

flexible
reflex

The hose, although **flexible**, would not reach around the bushes.

flect or flex

- To bend or curve
- It was obvious my new neighbor was from the South because of the **inflection** of her voice.
- My brother decided to go into **reflexology**, but I don't believe it is a legitimate career.

flect or flex

- To bend or curve

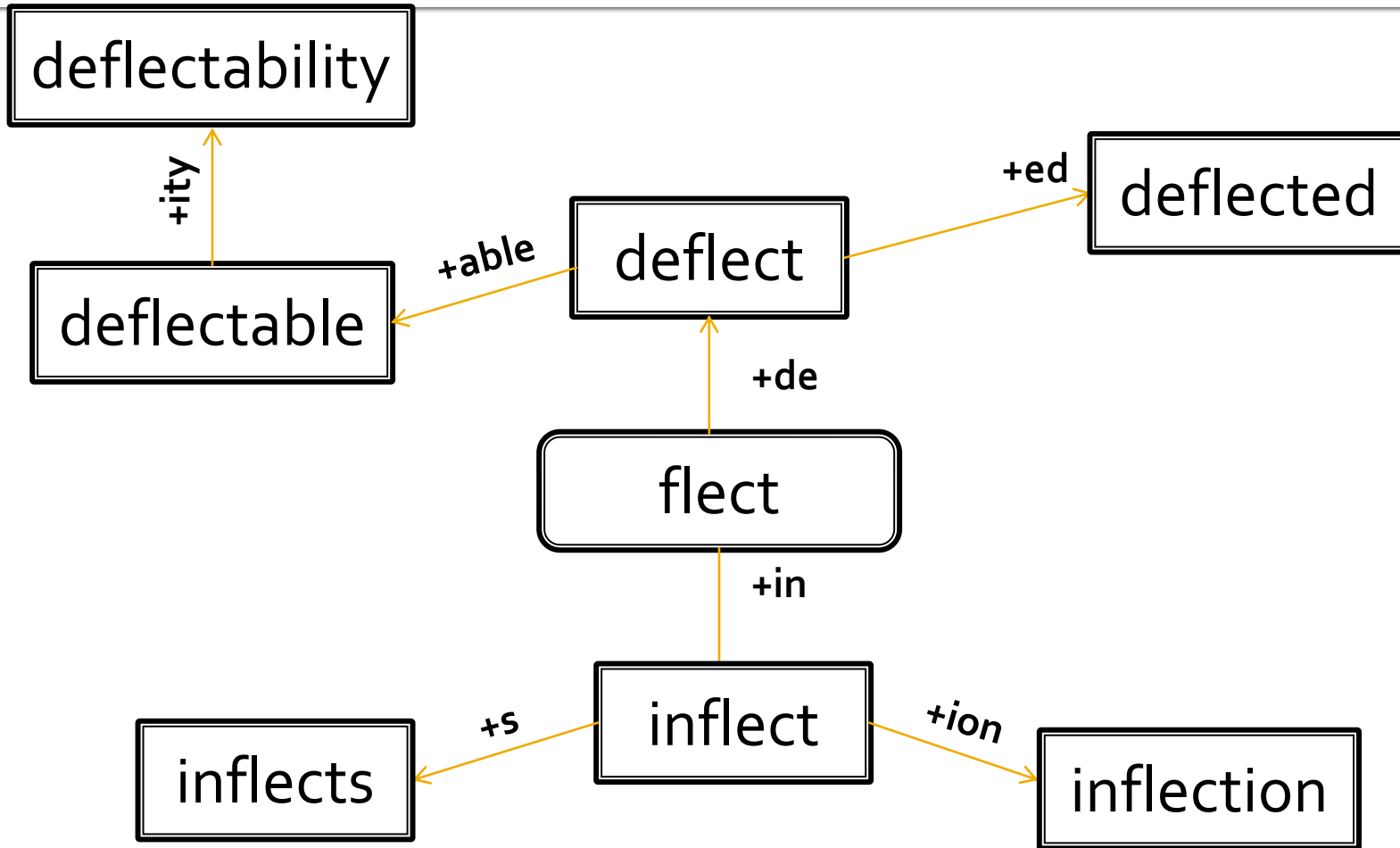
- *retroflex*

- *flexor*

The young child had a birth defect which caused extreme **retroflexion** of the head.

It was too bad he was cut from the team just because of a bad hip **flexor** injury.

Progressive Root Web



Share sentences

- Read your best sentence
- Vote on the best sentence
- Prize
- Add a visual (picture or diagram) for the root word flect and flex in your vocabulary notebooks.
- Distinguish between flect and flex with your visual

Root words this week

- *gram* = “a thing written” or letter (*Greek*)
- *miss* or *mit* = send (*Latin*)
- *morph* = shape (*Greek*)

Write each of these root words and their definitions on the next 3 pages of your vocabulary notebook in Root Words section.

Homework

With your partner, create as many words from your root as you can by adding affixes.

Decide how to demonstrate the definition to your root by a skit, a pantomime, or a cartoon.

Extra: This Week

- Look for words with spec/spect, gram, miss/mit, and morph this week when you are reading.
- Bring examples to show in class for a treat.

Root Words

- Present your root word
- Write down examples of words in your vocabulary notebooks during presentations
- Give your list to another group and create a Progressive Mind Map using the list of words using the new root word

Homework

Create a visual to illustrate each of the root words we are learning in your vocabulary notebooks.

*Don't forget, you can bring in examples of words with the roots this week from your reading for a treat or reward

Root Words

- Think~Pair~Share vocabulary notebooks
- Co-author sentences using a variety of words containing the roots we learned this week.
Be sure to include all 4 roots.
- Share with class
- Vote on the best sentence and we will compare with the other classes and vote on the best one overall

Homework

- Write 4 Jeopardy questions using definitions of words representing each of the 4 root words
- Be sure to give each question a value: \$100 - \$500
- Example for Flect or flex (bend or curve)
FOR \$100: An image that bounces back from a mirror
 - What is a reflection?

Root Words

- Share jeopardy questions with a partner
 - Do they make sense?
 - Are they correct?
 - Are they rated 'hard enough'?

Play Pictionary using root words and word lists