Focus on Achievement

Objective: I can choose the correct meaning/usage of multi-usage words by replacing them with synonyms and antonyms.

The Phoenix Mars Lander is a NASA spacecraft that landed on the Red Planet in May 2008 to study the history of water and potential for life on the planet.

What is another word for potential?

A. existence
B. situation
C. possibility
D. qualification
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“They’ve really gone above and beyond,” Minch said of the array of aquariums, marine rehab centers and other organizations that have taken in turtles.

What is a SYNONYM for array?

A. review
B. assortment
C. sections
D. construction
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It’s an unprecedented occurrence, and the scope of the rescue project has grown each day.

What is a SYNONYM for occurrence?

A. event  
B. concept  
C. endeavor  
D. problem
Greek and Latin Roots and Affixes

8th Grade
Essential Question
How do you use knowledge of roots and affixes to determine the meaning of unfamiliar words? (0801.1.13)

Objective
I can use my knowledge of roots and affixes to determine the meaning of unfamiliar words.
Why Study Word Roots, Prefixes, and Suffixes?

- English is a living language, and it is growing all the time. One way that new words come into the language is when words are borrowed from other languages. New words are also created when words or word elements, such as roots, prefixes, and suffixes, are combined in new ways.

- Many English words and word elements can be traced back to Latin and Greek. Often you can guess the meaning of an unfamiliar word if you know the meaning.

I can use my knowledge of roots and affixes to determine the meaning of unfamiliar words.
Why Study Word Roots, Prefixes, and Suffixes?

- A word root is a part of a word. It contains the core meaning of the word, but it cannot stand alone.

- A prefix is also a word part that cannot stand alone. It is placed at the beginning of a word to change its meaning.

- A suffix is a word part that is placed at the end of a word to change its meaning.

- Often you can guess the meaning of an unfamiliar word if you know the meaning of its parts; that is, the root and any prefixes or suffixes that are attached to it.

I can use my knowledge of roots and affixes to determine the meaning of unfamiliar words.
Today's roots and affixes

1. Ad: prefix, from Latin
2. Astro: prefix, from Greek
3. Hetero: prefix, Greek
4. Paleo: prefix, Greek
5. Bene: prefix, Latin

I can use my knowledge of roots and affixes to determine the meaning of unfamiliar words.
astro/aster
Star,
Celestial
astronomy, astrology, asteroid
hetero
different, other
heterogeneous, heterocyclic
diversity
different, other
paleo
old, ancient
Paleolithic, paleontologist
bene

good, well

benefit, beneficial
Today's roots and affixes

1. Ject: from Latin
2. Stella: from Latin
3. Al: from Latin
4. Pend: from Latin
5. De: from Latin

I can use my knowledge of roots and affixes to determine the meaning of unfamiliar words.
ject

throw

eject, projectile, injection
stella

star

stellar, constellation, interstellar
Relating to, pertaining to manual, cerebral, animal
pend

hang, weigh

pendulum, pendant, independent
de

down, away, remove

decelerate, dethrone, deplete
Today's roots and affixes

1. flex: from Latin
2. chron: from Greek
3. syn/sym: from Latin
4. fer: from Latin
5. rupt: from Latin

I can use my knowledge of roots and affixes to determine the meaning of unfamiliar words.
flex

flexible, circumflex

Bend
present - gift

together,

with

synonym, synthetic
fer

carry, bring

transfer, ferry
rupt
d
break, burst

rupture, erupt
Today's roots and affixes

1. ism: from Greek
2. sol: from Latin
3. ize: from Latin
4. cede: from Latin
5. voc: from Latin

I can use my knowledge of roots and affixes to determine the meaning of unfamiliar words.
-ism

doctrine, condition of, manner of, theory

capitalism, heroism, alcoholism
alone

sol

solo, solitude, solitaire
-ize

to make into, to do

crystallize, synchronize
cede

to go,
yield,
leave

precede, recede
voc
voice, call
advocate, vocabulary
Objective:
I can use my knowledge of roots and affixes to determine the meaning of unfamiliar words.
helio
sun
heliocentric, perihelion
neo
new
neonatal, neophyte
mal
bad
dismal, malady, malignant
tempo

time

temporarily, contemporary
ante
before
antecedent, antebellum
im
not
impossible, immature, immeasurable
Something to think about...

- How will you apply your knowledge of roots and affixes in your daily life?
- Why do we study roots and affixes?
- How can roots and affixes affect word meaning?
- Where you might find words containing some of these roots?
- How will knowing these roots make you a better reader?
- How can you use this information on TCAP and other tests?
Creating a Root Attack Poster

- The root and its definition should be placed in an area on the poster that makes it easy to see and read—at the top, centered inside something, etc.
- The root itself should be highlighted by being a different color than all other words.
- Add illustrations with the related words definitions where possible.
- Check your spelling.