



ACES Academic Enrichment Center

2019 Summer Enrichment Course Syllabus

Course Name: Vocabulary Foundations for 5th-6th Graders

Course Description

Enhance students' vocabulary and enable them to understand new words quickly and efficiently. Root words, prefixes, and suffixes are the keys to unlocking the meanings of English words. In Vocabulary Foundations, students develop the tools to master new vocabulary words through an analysis of component root words, prefixes, and suffixes. Students learn the historical significance of the Latin, Greek, and French influence on the English language. Upon completion of the course, students will not only have mastered a large number of vocabulary words essential for their academic success, they will also have gained an intellectual framework useful for understanding unfamiliar vocabulary with much greater speed and facility. In other words, students will be able quickly to deduce the meanings of many new words based on an analysis of their morphology, i.e., their component roots and affixes.

Course Objectives and Student Competencies

- Master an extensive list of essential English vocabulary words
- Learn the morphemes most essential to learning academic vocabulary
- Apply understanding of morphemes to the mastery of unfamiliar words

Class Structure

Class begins with vocabulary and morpheme quiz followed by an introduction to new morphemes. We will analysis the words and discuss an explicit definition of the new vocabulary. To finish the class, we will apply the new morphemes and vocabulary through a writing assignment.

Date	Topics	Homework
6/10	Brief history of English language, definition of morpheme, suffixes	Study words and practice activity #1
6/11	Prefixes	Study words and practice activity #2
6/12	Words of size, degree	Study words and practice activity #3
6/13	Outside and numbers	Study words and practice activity #4
6/14	Useful root words	