

READING – STRUCTURAL ANALYSIS

What is Structural Analysis in Reading?

In order to derive the **meanings** of words, it is helpful to analyze the **structure** of the words in English:

- Is there a **Latin** or a **Greek root word**?
- Is the word a **base word** that can stand alone?
- Are there **prefixes** and **suffixes** added to the base word?
- What are the meanings of the **affixes** added to the base word?
- Is the word a **shortened form** of a longer word?

Examples:

- The word **autograph** came from the Greek root **graph** that means *write*.
- The word **video** came from the Latin root **vid** that means *see*.
- The prefix
- The suffix
- **Lunch** is



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Try This!

- 1] The word **metropolis** came from the Greek root **poli** that means _____.
a] farm
b] rural
c] country
d] city
- 2] The word **abbreviate** came from the Latin root **brev** that means _____.
a] shirt
b] shun
c] short
d] ship
- 3] Which word is the **shortened** form of examination?
a] exit
b] exam
c] extinct
d] exact