WORD PARTS

Sometimes you can figure out the meaning of an unfamiliar word by breaking the word into parts. For example, the vocabulary word reconstruction has three parts: the prefix re- (“again”), the base word construct (“to build”), and the suffix -ion (“action or process”).

When you combine the three meanings, you will find that reconstruction means “the action of building again.” Knowing the meaning of one or more parts of a word will help you determine the meaning of the complete word.

Directions: Identify the word parts in each word. Then try to define the word. If you need help, use a dictionary.

1. dissimilar

2. irreplaceable

3. unconscious

4. flexible

5. uncomfortable

6. assistance

7. fitness

8. blandness

9. disproportionate