WORD PARTS
READING 3 (WEEK 2)

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Important aspect in comprehending a text
Many words can be broken into several parts
When you know the meaning and function of some common word parts, you can:
1. guess the meaning of some new words
2. remember the meaning of new words better
3. increase the number of words you know
Words in English can have three parts:
1. a root
2. a prefix
3. a suffix

The root of a word contains the basic meaning, example: happy

A prefix is letter or group of letter added before the root to change its meaning, example: un (not) + happy = unhappy

A suffix is letter or group of letter added after the root to change its grammatical function: happy (adj) + ness = happiness (noun)
There are two types of roots:

1. Roots that can stand alone as words in English, example: happy, usual, break, etc.
2. Roots that cannot stand alone. These include many roots coming from Latin, Greek, and other languages.

Examples: philos (Greek meaning ‘love’), annus (Latin meaning ‘year’), visus (Latin meaning ‘see’).
EXERCISE

- For more exercises, see page 50 - 61 in your book.