



HIGHLIGHTS OF THE LESSON:

- Warm-Up: Intended Learning Outcomes
- Match Words with their Synonyms 6.1
- Unscramble the Words 6.2
- Roots/Origins of Words 6.3
- Prefixes 6.4
- Suffixes 6.5
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ANTICIPATED LEARNING OUTCOMES:

- Vocabulary building is essential for enhancing one's language skills.
- You will learn about synonyms, and will also learn some synonyms for given words. Finding synonyms should certainly be made a language habit.
- You will learn some of the roots or origins for words.
- What is more, you will learn about prefixes and suffixes and also some words that can be formed out of given prefixes and suffixes.

VOCABULARY I

TOTAL TIME: 60 MINS

VOCABULARY: WARM UP
(6)

Time: 10
mins

[Click here for 3 powerpoint presentations as a warm up to the vocabulary exercises](#)

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Think it over!

*How important is vocabulary building towards enhancing one's language skills?

If your answer to the importance of vocabulary building is *very important* then you can take it as a feather in your cap, an asset that greatly improves both your conversational and writing skills.

*Would you say that a good vocabulary is not an essential requirement and can be dismissed as bordering on jargon and flowery language?

No, on the other hand, a good vocabulary is an essential requirement and one cannot dismiss having it as encouraging use of jargons or having a flowery language although one should know in which situation to use which word most suitably.

You can now move on to doing some tests under this section.



Picture 26

http://wordanalysis.phillipmartin.info/la_vocabulary.htm

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**MATCH WORDS WITH
THEIR SYNONYMS (6.1)**

Time: 10
mins

You must be familiar with a synonym, which is a word or phrase that has the same, or nearly the same meaning as another word. Now apply your knowledge to matching the words given in column A with their synonyms in column B.

**Exercise
6.1**

In column A given below you have a list of words. Match them with words that have similar meaning listed in column B.

Column A

Column B

1. Confrontation	1. Outside
2. Bully	2. Proficient
3. External	3. Oppressor
4. Experienced	4. Trivial
5. Jealous	5. Completely
6. Petty	6. Resentful
7. Outright	7. Conflict

Answers
6.1

- 1. \longleftrightarrow 7.
- 2. \longleftrightarrow 3.
- 3. \longleftrightarrow 1.
- 4. \longleftrightarrow 2.
- 5. \longleftrightarrow 6.
- 6. \longleftrightarrow 4.
- 7. \longleftrightarrow 5.

UNSCRAMBLE THE WORDS (6.2)

Time: 10
mins

sense

Exercise 6.2

In the passage given below there are certain words that are jumbled up. Unscramble them. If required take a hint from the synonyms given in the box under the passage.

In an **viboous** and trivial **sseen** there is no question but that Othello is a **catrig** hero, since Othello is a tragedy and its hero or principal figure is Othello. But there are important differences between Othello and **retho** Shakespearan **catrig** protagonists, such as Hamlet, Macbeth and Lear. To begin with, Othello, **uhgtho** descended from kings, is not **imheslf** a **cerinp** or king in the society of the **yalp**, but only a mercenary.

Extract taken from Shakespeare: Othello. Penguin Critical Studies. Gamini and Fenella Salgado, p.81.1985. Rpt. England: Penguin Critical Studies, 1989.

apparent, meaning, wretched, remaining/additional, wretched, despite the fact, on his own, ruler, drama.



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Clip-Art. Picture 29



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Answers 6.2

The unscrambled words in sequential order are given below:

obvious-Its closest synonym mentioned in the box is **apparent**.

sense- Its closest synonym mentioned in the box is **meaning**.

tragic-Its synonym from the box is **wretched**. This word comes twice in the passage.

other-Its synonym is **remaining/additional**.

tragic-Its synonym from the box is **wretched**.

though-Its synonym is **despite the fact**.

himself-Its synonym is **on his own**.

prince-Its synonym as given in the box is **ruler**.

play -Its synonym is **drama**.

ROOTS/ORIGINS OF
WORDS (6.3)

Time: 10
mins



Have fun with words
by understanding the
meaning of the root
word.

Picture 30

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A **Root** is the simple element that is common to words of the same origin. Here is a list of some word roots. Given along with them is their meaning. What you have to do in this exercise is to suggest words that have that particular common root. The first three have been done for you. Look up the meanings of the words thus formed from those roots in the dictionary. You will be amazed to see how it increases your word-power!

For example, what do you think is common between the words "animal" and "unanimous". Obviously it is the letters "anim", which is taken from the root word **animus** which is a Latin root for "mind". So the words would mean "those which have the same mind". Many dictionaries provide a list of root words or you may even look it up on the internet. There are other words like **mater**(mother), **pater**(father), **frater**(brother). The English words that could be formed of such root words would be maternal (from the mother's side) , paternal (from the father's side), fraternity(brotherhood).

There are also Hindi and Sanskrit root words like **dois**(two), **trey**(three) which in English would be referred to as dual, triad etc.

Exercise
6.3

Root Word	Meaning of the Root	Words from Root
Anima	Life; mind; soul	animal, animate, animator, animism, animosity,
Annus	A year	annual, biennial, perennial anniversary, annuity
Auto	Self	
Bio	Life	
Cent	One hundred	
Dem	People	
Ego	The self/I	
Liber	Free	

Follow the link given below to discover more Latin words and origin words.
[Click here for a list of Latin Root Words on Wikipedia](#)

Possible
Answers
6.3

Root Words	Words from Root Word
Auto	autocracy, automobile, autobiogaphy, autonomous, automatic
Bio	biography, biology, biodegradable, biodiversity, biogas
Cent	century, centipede, centigrade, centimeter, centime
Dem	democracy, demography, demos, demagogue, d
Ego	egoist, egotist, egocentric, egomaniac, egoistical
Liber	liberal, liberty, liberation, liberator, liberalism

Prefixes

(6.4)

Time: 10 mins

A **prefix** is a syllable that precedes the root or stem and changes or refines its meaning. Given below is a list of prefixes with their meanings. Make suitable entries for the third column that is left blank to fill up words that can be made from these **prefixes**.

Exercise 6.4

Prefix

Meaning

Illustration

Anti	Against, opposite	antipathy(hatred), antithetical(exactly opposite)
Un	Not	unusual (not usual), unsuccessful (not successful)
Contra	Against	
Dis	Not	
Extra	Beyond, outside	
Mono	One	
Multi	Many	
Fore	Before	
Semi	Half, partly	
Pre	Before	

[Click here](#) for a list of some prefixes used in English.

**Answers
6.4**

Contra	Contravene (conflict with) contradict (dispute)
Dis	Disagree (not to agree) discord (lack of harmony)
Extra	Extracurricular (beyond the curriculum) extraterritorial (beyond a nation's bounds)
Mono	Monarchy (government by one ruler) monotheism (belief in one god) monolingual (speaking one language)
Multi	Multifarious (having many parts) multicoloured (of many colours)
Semi	Semiconscious (partly conscious) semiprecious (less valuable than a precious stone)
Fore	Forearm [the lower part of the arm (between wrist and elbow)] forerunner (a person or thing that precedes another) fortell (an indication beforehand of something to follow)
Pre	Preamble (introductory statement) premonition (forewarning)



Picture 31

<http://www.how-to-study.com/images/language-arts/common-prefixes-student.gif>

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SUFFIXES

(6.5)

Time: 10
mins

A **suffix** is a syllable that is added to a word. Occasionally, it changes the meaning of a word; more frequently, it serves to change the grammatical form of the word (noun to adjective, adjective to noun, noun to verb). As we performed an exercise in the previous chapter on prefixes, here is a similar one to enhance your understanding of **suffixes**. Given below are three columns indicating the **suffix**, its meaning and possible range of words that can be formed by using these **suffixes** appropriately and correctly. Let us begin. The first two have been done for you.

Exercise 6.5

Suffix	Meaning	Illustration
-ac, -ic	Like, pertaining to (adjective suffix)	Cardiac (pertaining to the heart) aquatic (pertaining to the water)
-acious, -icious	Full of (adjective suffix)	Audacious (full of daring) avaricious (full of greed)
-al	Pertaining to (adjective or noun suffix)	
-ation	That which is (noun suffix)	
-cy	State of being (noun suffix)	
-fic	Making, doing (adjective suffix)	
-ism	Doctrine, belief (noun suffix)	
-ist	Dealer, doer (noun suffix)	
-ity	State of being (noun suffix)	
-ize, -ise	To make (verb suffix)	

[Click here](#) for a list of some suffixes used in English.

Answers
6.5

Suffix

Illustration

-al	Maniacal (pertaining to someone who is not sane) logical (pertaining to logic) rational (agreeable to reason)
-ation	Exasperation (irritation) irritation (annoyance)
-cy	Democracy (government ruled by the people) obstinacy (stubbornness)
-fic	Horrific (causing horror) pacific (peaceful)
-ism	Monotheism (belief in one God) fanaticism (excessive zeal, extreme belief)
-ist	Realist (one who is realistic) artist (one who practices/creates art)
-ity	Credulity (state of being unduly willing to believe) sagacity (wisdom) credibility (capable of being believed)
-ize, -ise	Harmonize (make harmonious) enfranchise (make free or set free)

WHAT HAVE YOU LEARNT?

- In this exercise you have learnt how to enhance your vocabulary power by finding synonyms for given words, expanding words, finding the root word common to several words, and also about prefixes and suffixes.
- A **root** is the simple element that is common to words of the same origin.
- A **prefix** is a syllable that precedes the root or stem and changes or refines its meaning.
- A **suffix** is a syllable that is added to a word. Occasionally, it changes the meaning of a word; more frequently, it serves to change the grammatical form of the word (noun to adjective, adjective to noun, noun to verb).
- It is a good idea to enhance one's list of root words, prefixes and suffixes by clicking on the web links provided, since they give us a comprehensive list for each of these categories.

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