

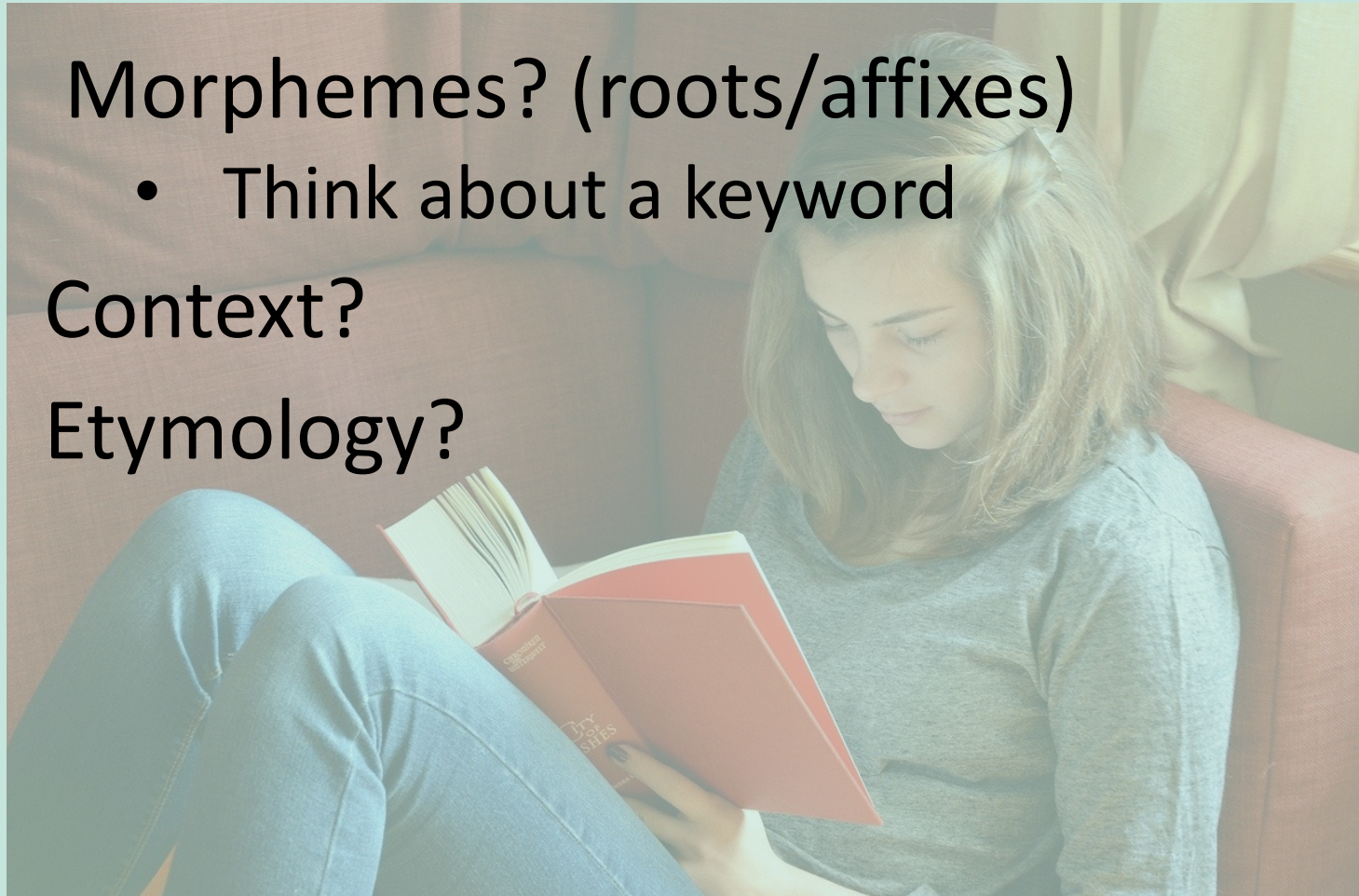
How do we figure out the meaning of words when reading?

Morphemes? (roots/affixes)

- Think about a keyword

Context?

Etymology?



Instructional Context

The teacher provides practice for students to morphologically problem solve by creating transparent instructional contexts.

Step 1. Read the sentence. Find the root and cross it out.

1. They ~~inscribed~~ the memorial with the soldiers' names.
2. The original ~~inscription~~ in the back of the book was faded.

Step 2. Write the root meaning above it.
Use your keyword to remember and
keep the same tense.

wrote

1. They ~~inscribed~~ the memorial with the soldiers' names.

writing

2. The original ~~inscription~~ in the back of the book was faded.

Step 3. Reread the sentence and say the root meaning instead of the word.

wrote

1. They ~~inscribed~~ the memorial with the soldiers' names.

writing

2. The original ~~inscription~~ in the back of the book was faded.

Step 4. Let's find the meaning!

- **Morpheme?** Do you recognize any roots or affixes?
- **Context?** Can you add words, or change the order to make it work in the sentence?
- **Etymology?** Does it work, or do you need to check www.etymonline.com?

wrote into or on

1. They ~~inscribed~~ the memorial with the soldiers' names.

writing on

2. The original ~~inscription~~ in the back of the book was faded.

We are etymologists!

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inscribe (v.)

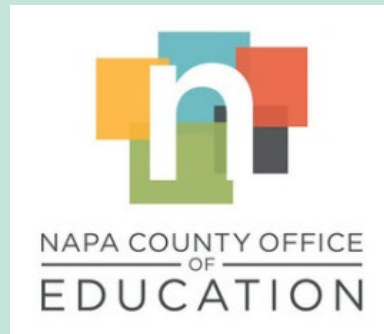
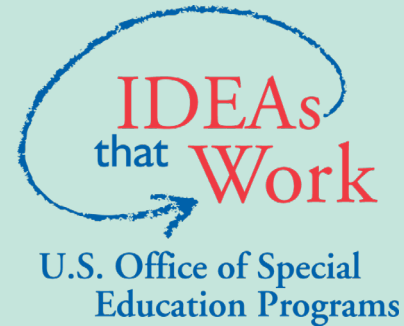
1550s, "to write on or in" (something durable and conspicuous), from Latin *inscribere* "to write on or in (something)," from *in-* "in" (from PIE root ***en** "in") + *scribere* "to write" (from PIE root ***skribh-** "to cut"). Meaning "to dedicate (by means of an inscription)" is from 1640s. Form *inscriven* is from late 14c. Related: *Inscribed*; *inscribing*.

Related entries & more

Add the meaning of **inscribe**/**inscription** to your personal dictionary. What do you think the prefix means/does?

Key Word-Meaning	Prefix-Meaning Negative (N) Direction (D) Intensify (I)	Root (Variants)	Root Meaning	Sample Sentence
describe / description To write down Written down	de-down (D)	scribe, scrib, script	to write written	I lost my cat, so I needed to provide a description to the animal shelter.

Word	Prefix (N/D/I)	Meaning	Sentence
1. inscribe / inscription	in (D)	Written in, or on something.	They inscribed the memorial with the soldiers' names.
2.			
3.			
4.			



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