



Objective

The student will produce the meaning of words with affixes.

Materials

- ▶ Word cards (Activity Master V.011.AM1a - V.011.AM1b)
- ▶ Student sheet (Activity Master V.011.SS)
- ▶ Pencils

Activity

Students segment words into base words and affixes to determine the meaning.

1. Place word cards face down in a stack. Provide each student with a student sheet.
2. Taking turns, students select a word card and read it (e.g., *effortless*).
3. State the base word and affix (i.e., *effort* is the base word and *less* is the suffix).
4. Brainstorm the meaning of the word with partner.
5. Record word, circle the affix, write the affix meaning, and the meaning of the word on the student sheet.
6. Teacher evaluation



The illustration shows five word cards: *disqualify*, *effortless*, *nonsense*, *misplace*, and *indirect*. Next to them is a student sheet titled "Word Dissect" with a "Name" field and a "V.011.SS" code. The sheet contains a table with three columns: "Word", "Affix meaning", and "Meaning of the word". The first two rows are filled with handwritten examples: "disqualify" with "not" as the affix meaning and "not eligible" as the word meaning; "effortless" with "without" as the affix meaning and "without force" as the word meaning. A yellow pencil is shown pointing to the table.

Word	Affix meaning	Meaning of the word
disqualify	not	not eligible
effortless	without	without force

Extensions and Adaptations

- ▶ Mix same word cards with non-example word cards (Activity Master V.011.AM2). Sort by words containing affixes and those that only appear to contain affixes (Activity Master V.011.AM3).
- ▶ Make other word cards containing affixes to dissect (Activity Master V.001.AM4).
- ▶ Use words that have prefixes and suffixes.

Vocabulary

Word Dissect

V.011.AM1a

affordable

effortless

doubtful

frequently

farmer

soreness

strictest

fearless

word cards



misplace

indirect

nonsense

reattach

presuppose

unhinge

disqualify

informal



Name _____

Word Dissect

V.011.SS

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