

READING REFORM FOUNDATION OF NEW YORK

VOCABULARY DEVELOPMENT

for all grades

Lesson I

A good lesson can be built around prefixes or roots of words.

The teacher explains that a prefix comes before the main part of the word.

The main part of the word is called the root of the word.

So: The prefix pre means before. Teacher and students write pre = before. A prefix is what comes before the main part of the word.

An example would be in the word “prepare.” Teacher and students write this word in syllables. Explain that prepare means “to make before”, so when your mother prepares dinner, she is making it before you eat it.

Can students think of other words that begin with “pre”? Write each word together – Teacher writes on the board; students writing in notebooks

Pre fer – liking someone or something before all others

Pre scribe – write down medicine, or advise before taking or doing it

Pre scrip tion – a written direction or order for preparing and taking medicine

Pre vent – to do something before something, often bad, happens

Pre dict – to tell before something happens