

READING REFORM FOUNDATION OF NEW YORK  
VOCABULARY DEVELOPMENT  
for all grades

Lesson II

The prefix post means after.

Post pone – putting off doing something until after the expected time

Post grad u ate – someone who does further study after taking regular degree

Post script – the note one writes after the body of a letter (P.S.)

Teacher and students write each word in syllables, discussing the meanings together.

Teacher asks: “Who can think of a word that begins with the prefix post that means putting off doing a task until late?” Students can come up with the word postpone. If not the teacher gives it. I let students shout out the words because it gives excitement to the class but you may not want to.

Then ask, “What do you call the note written after the body of the letter because you forgot it?”

Post script

Do the same for postgraduate.

Other examples:

Post hu mous – after death. Example: the author’s book was published post hu mous ly.  
(pronounced pōst, not post)

Pos ter i ty – people who come after we die.

(Note: postal, post office, postage come from another meaning of the root)

A. Fill in:

The main part of a word is called the \_\_\_\_\_.

The part added to the front of a root word is called a \_\_\_\_\_.

The prefix "pre" means \_\_\_\_\_.

A word that begins with the prefix pre and that means to make ready before is

\_\_\_\_\_.

B. Circle one:

Post as prefix means: before          early          after

C. Put these words in the proper sentences below. These are the words:

postscripts

postgraduate

postpone

1. \_\_\_\_\_ are helpful when you forget to write something in a letter.
2. Many high school graduates continue studying by doing some \_\_\_\_\_ study.
3. He wanted to \_\_\_\_\_ the game because of rain.