

STRUCTURAL ANALYSIS

Ideas and strategies to assist teachers when teaching and reinforcing word structure:

- Teaching the meaning of the word along with the word parts.
- Explaining and giving examples of how the word is divided into smaller parts
EX: the word **rereading** can be broken up into three parts known as morphemes
Re+read+ing.
- Writing the words on index cards and cutting the words by their meaning, will help students to put the words together and blend the parts together to complete the word.
- Students should sort the words by meaning and discuss the meaning of each part of the word
EX: pre- meaning before (precaution), in- meaning not (inconsiderate).
- Ask students to decode words by covering up parts of the word, identifying the visible part, and then have them blend all the parts together to identify the whole word.
- Making a class word journal or student word journal or dictionary of the different word parts such as prefixes, suffixes, and inflectional endings for review and additional support.
- Creating word webs are useful when identifying the different word parts, their meanings, and how they are related.

Vaughn, S. & Bos, C. (2009).