

Anatomy Of A Word Answer Key

1. **misinterpretation**

Prefix: mis (wrong)

Root: interpret (explain or understand)

Suffix: ation (act or process)

Meaning explanation: the act of understanding something incorrectly.

2. **transcontinental**

Prefix: trans (across)

Root: continent (large landmass)

Suffix: al (related to)

Meaning explanation: related to going across continents.

3. **irreversible**

Prefix: ir (not)

Root: reverse (turn back)

Suffix: ible (able to be)

Meaning explanation: not able to be turned back.

4. **autobiography**

Prefix: auto (self)

Root: bio (life)

Suffix: graphy (writing)

Meaning explanation: writing about one's own life.

5. **decentralization**

Prefix: de (away from)

Root: center (middle)

Suffix: alization (process of making)

Meaning explanation: the process of moving power away from a central point.

Teacher's Guide

- Using this worksheet
 - Review common prefixes, roots, and suffixes before starting to activate prior knowledge.
 - Encourage students to explain meanings using word parts rather than memorization.
 - Emphasize that parts work together to build meaning.
- Differentiation
 - Support: Allow students to use a reference chart of common Latin and Greek word parts.
 - Challenge: Ask students to find an additional word that uses the same root and explain the connection.
 - Challenge: Have students identify which part carries the most meaning and defend their choice.