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What is Word Building

Unlocking Language: The Power of Word Building

DEFINITION

> Word building is the process of creating new words by combining letters and sounds. It helps kids improve their spelling and vocabulary skills.

KEY CONCEPTS

Phonemes

Phonemes are the smallest sounds in a word, like 'b' in 'bat'.

Syllables

Syllables are parts of a word that contain a vowel sound, like 'cat' has one syllable.

Prefixes

Prefixes are added to the beginning of a word to change its meaning, like 'un-' in 'undo'.

Suffixes

Suffixes are added to the end of a word to change its form, like '-ing' in 'running'.

Blending

Blending is combining individual sounds to form a word, such as 'c' + 'at' = 'cat'.

EXAMPLES

→ cat + 's' = cats

→ un + happy = unhappy

→ play + 'ed' = played

MEMORY TIPS

★ Remember 'Phonemes' as 'Phone sounds' to recall their role in words.

★ Think of 'Prefixes' as 'Pre-fix' to remember they come before the root word.

★ Use the phrase 'Syllables are beats' to remember how to count them in words.

COMMON MISTAKES

✗ Confusing phonemes with syllables.

✗ Forgetting to add suffixes or prefixes correctly.

✗ Not blending sounds properly to form words.

QUICK RECAP

Word building is essential for enhancing spelling and vocabulary. It involves understanding phonemes, syllables, prefixes, and suffixes. Practice blending sounds to create new words effectively.