

What does a word mean?

Context



Read the sentence and then the whole paragraph.
What does it tell you about the word?

Part of speech

Noun



ball

Verb



jump

Adjective



cute

Adverb



slowly

Is it a noun (a thing),
a verb (a doing word),
an adjective (describes a noun)
or an adverb (describes a verb)?

Prefix



Is there a prefix that you know?

A prefix is a part of the word, at the beginning, which affects the meaning of the word.

Suffix



What does the word ending tell you? This might help you work out what sort of word it is.

Predict



Use everything you know to think about what the word might mean. Try it out. Does it sound right?

Ask or look it up



If it does not sound right, ask someone or use a dictionary or thesaurus.

(Inspired by the work of Blachowicz & Fisher, 2010)