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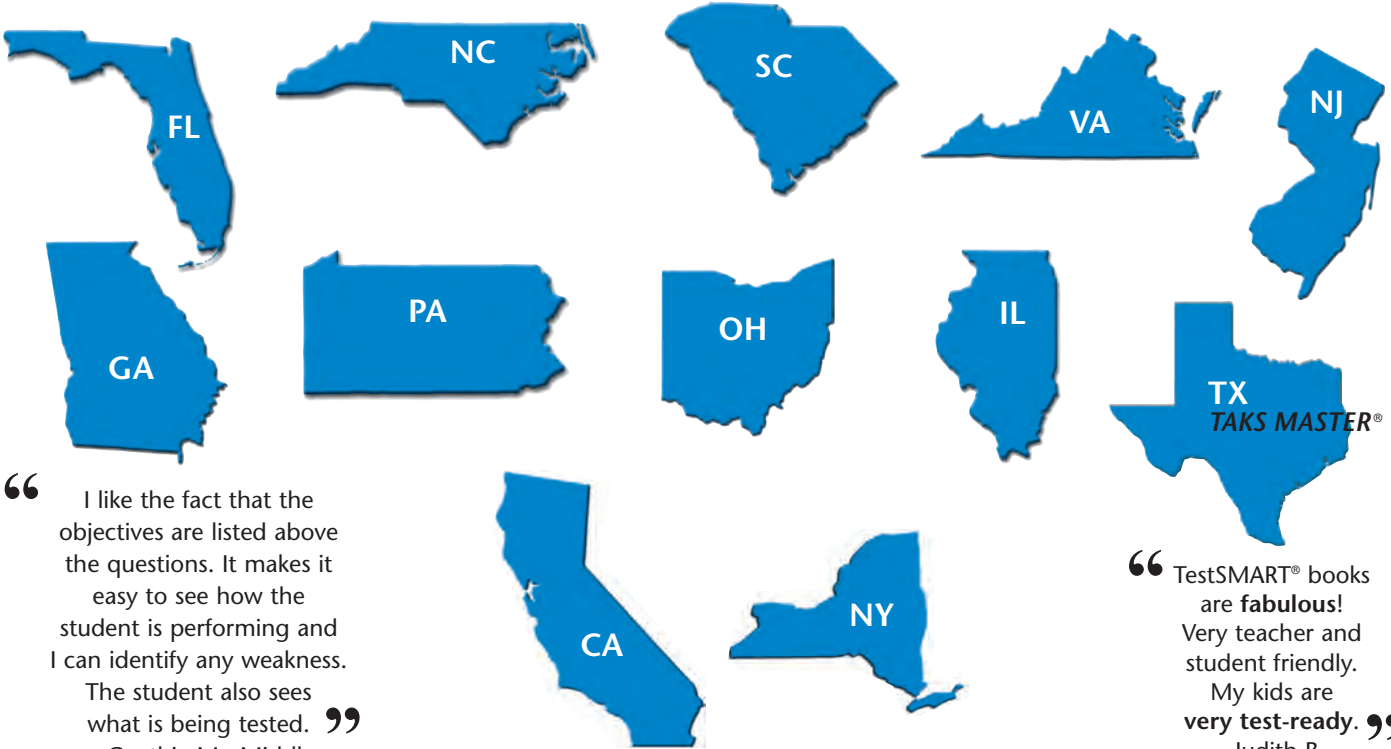
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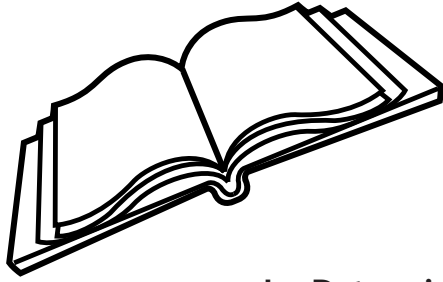
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# Vocabulary

## I. Determine the meaning of words in written texts

- A. Use root words and other structural cues to recognize new words
- B. Use context clues to determine word meaning
- C. Recognize correct meaning of words with multiple meanings
- D. Demonstrate knowledge of synonyms and antonyms
- E. Choose the correct word to complete an analogy

## Practice 1: Root Words and Structural Cues

**Directions:** Read each question. On your answer sheet, darken the circle for each correct response.

- Which word probably comes from the Latin word *erumpere*, which means “to break”?
  - era
  - errand
  - error
  - erupt
- The word **exile** probably comes from the Latin word—
  - exsul*, meaning wanderer
  - exemplum*, meaning example
  - exceperere*, meaning to pick out
  - exigere*, meaning to weigh out
- Which word probably comes from the Latin word *facere*, meaning “to make”?
  - facial
  - faculty
  - factory
  - faking
- In the words **enshrine** and **entangle**, the prefix **en** means—
  - before
  - under
  - in
  - above
- In the words **displease** and **disrespect** the prefix **dis** means—
  - within
  - the absence of
  - beneath
  - over or above
- The word **reflection** comes from the Latin word *reflectere*, meaning “to bend back.” Which word is most closely related in meaning to the word **reflection**?
  - recover
  - refresh
  - reflex
  - reform
- Which word probably comes from the Latin word *procedere*, meaning “to advance”?
  - problem
  - production
  - procession
  - protest
- In the words **delegation** and **interruption**, the suffix **tion** indicates that both words are—
  - adjectives
  - adverbs
  - verbs
  - nouns

I.A Use root words and other structural cues to recognize new words

## Practice 2: Roots Words and Structural Cues

**Directions:** Read each question. On your answer sheet, darken the circle for each correct response.

- Which word probably comes from the Latin word *tempus*, which means “time”?
  - tender
  - temper
  - tempo
  - tempt
- Which word probably comes from the Latin word *spirare*, which means “to breathe”?
  - instant
  - inspire
  - inspect
  - insist
- Which word probably comes from the Greek word *arkhein*, meaning “to rule”?
  - action
  - arch
  - monster
  - monarch
- In the words **socialize** and **symbolize**, the suffix **ize** means—
  - tend to
  - cross
  - connect
  - make
- The word **minute** probably comes from the Latin word—
  - minutus*, meaning small
  - moneta*, meaning money
  - usare*, meaning to use
  - ultra*, meaning beyond
- Which word probably comes from the Latin word *sanus*, meaning “healthy”?
  - sandal
  - sandy
  - sane
  - sassy
- In the words **transmit** and **transplant**, the prefix **trans** means—
  - around
  - after
  - across
  - above
- In the words **attentive** and **sensitive**, the suffix **ive** indicates that both words are—
  - adjectives
  - adverbs
  - nouns
  - verbs

I.A Use root words and other structural cues to recognize new words