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DOES THE PATTERN HAPPEN AGAIN?

1 A NEW FAMILY

Look at these words. Circle the piece that keeps showing up.

EJECT INJECT REJECT

What piece stays? Write it here.

2 THINK ABOUT THIS PIECE.

Can this piece stand alone as a word?

☐ Yes

☐ Not normally

Can we build words with this piece?

☐ Yes

☐ No

What are we building on?

3 ANOTHER EXAMPLE

Look at these words. Circle the piece that keeps showing up.

CONSTRUCT INSTRUCT STRUCTURE

What piece stays? Write it here. _____

4 SORT THE BASES

Write each base in the correct column.

PLAY

HELP

GROUND

RUPT

JECT

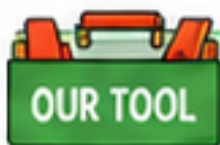
STRUCT

**CAN STAND ALONE
AS A WORD**

**NEEDS OTHER WORD PARTS
OR PIECES WITH IT**



We see the same pattern again!
Some bases can stand alone as words. Some cannot.



OUR TOOL

A BASE IS SOMETHING WE CAN BUILD ON.

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BACK TO BASE

- 1** A WORD WE BUILD CAN BECOME THE NEXT BASE.
Look at the steps.

HELP + FUL → HELPFUL
UN + HELPFUL → UNHELPFUL

What were we building on first? _____

What were we building on next? _____

- 2** COMPARE THESE TWO BASES.

HELPFUL

RUPT

Which one can stand alone as a word? _____

Can we build words with both? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not sure

- 3** WHAT DID WE DISCOVER?

- Some bases can stand alone as words.
- Some bases cannot stand alone as words and are found with other word parts or pieces.
- Both can still be something we build on.

- 4** LANGUAGE INVESTIGATORS HAVE NAMES FOR THESE.

FREE BASE — can stand alone as a word

BOUND BASE — does not normally stand alone as a word

You do not need to memorize these names.
They just help us talk about what we discovered.

- 5** YOUR EXPLANATION

I know RUPT can do base work because _____



OUR BIG IDEA

A BASE DOES NOT HAVE TO STAND ALONE AS A WORD.

A BASE IS THE PART OR PIECE WE ARE BUILDING ON.

WE BUILD WORDS BY ADDING OTHER WORD PARTS OR PIECES.