

How does Dynamic Literacy's *WordBuild Vocabulary Development System* Work?

Making the transition from phonics—"learning to read"—to comprehension—"reading to learn" isn't always an easy step. *WordBuild* provides a bridge between phonics and comprehension by going beyond the rote memorization of vocabulary to actually teaching students how to deconstruct and exponentially learn new words.

The Dynamic Literacy "WordBuild Series" is a five-year program that's comprised of two series (*Foundations* & *Elements*), and can be used at any point from grades 3-12.

The *Foundations* Level curriculum is designed to be years 1 and 2 of the first series, and is appropriate for students in grades 3-5, or for struggling students in grades 5-9. Helping students to "sound out" the meaning of unfamiliar words through morphemes, *Foundations* focuses on teaching students the meanings of prefixes and suffixes.

The *Elements* series is designed to be years 3, 4, & 5 of the overall program, and comprises the second series. *Elements* is designed for students in grades 5-10, or for struggling students in grades 7-12. Helping students to learn the 93 most commonly used Greek & Latin roots in our language, *Elements* focuses on combining those roots with students' knowledge of prefixes and suffixes to unlock unfamiliar words' meanings.

WordBuild the Game illustrates the formula $\text{WORD} = \text{Prefix} + \text{Root}$ that is taught in the *Elements* curriculum, and is a great way to supplement your *Elements* course. High scores are kept track of by root and by player.

Lessons in both series take only 15 minutes per day and can be used as a regular course, intervention, EEL, or after-school activities.

Weekly lessons in the student activity book are specifically designed to be fun and engaging, and include fill-in-the-blank, "stair steps," "magic square," and other interesting activities. Students will learn how English words are built and discover strategies to determine pieces of meaning embedded in words.

The teacher's guide provides a day-by-day guide to teaching each lesson as well as additional class materials. Objectives and the materials needed for the lesson are listed at the outset, with a "unit at a glance" chart that quickly illustrates what's being taught on what day. Each day's lesson includes teaching instructions with classroom direction, scripted questions, discussion guidance, and model lessons. Reduced-size student pages with the answers overlaid, word lists, and assessment answers are also included.