



*I Am Honest*

## Objectives

Children will be able to:

- use the most frequently occurring inflections and affixes as clues to the meanings of unknown words.

## Support Learners

If children need extra support to use affixes to understand words, then

- help children visualize how “parts” of a word form a new word. Write a familiar word, such as *like*, on an index card. Then write affixes, such as *dis-*, *-s*, and *-able* on other cards. Use the cards to form new words. Discuss the meanings of the new words and help children use the words in sentences.
- pre-teach unknown words in a text. Talk about how affixes can give clues to the meaning of a word and what each new affix means. As children encounter other words with the new affixes, add them to a classroom word wall.

# Vocabulary: Using Word Parts

## Introduce the Skill

Display the book and read the title and the author’s name. Say: *The title of this book is I Am Honest. I think I might know what it means to be honest. When I am honest, I tell the truth.*

*I notice a word like honest in the table of contents—honesty. If I look at the word honesty and cover up the y, I see a word that I know—honest. How does adding the y change the word? Honest is a word that describes someone. Honesty is something that people have. Honesty means “being honest.”*

Use index cards with *honest* and *y* on them and demonstrate how to change *honest* to *honesty*. Demonstrate with other words to which you can add *y* to make a new word, such as *rain* (*rainy*), *dirty* (*dirty*), *mess* (*messy*), and *fun* (*funny*). Point out the spelling changes to the root words

## Practice and Apply

Say: *Sometimes we make mistakes. Sometimes we might even be dishonest. What does it mean to be dishonest?*

Allow volunteers to share their thoughts until the class arrives at the definition of *dishonest*: “not honest.” Then say: *The letters dis make a prefix. It makes the main word, honest, mean the opposite, or “not honest.” We can add dis- to a lot of words to make them mean the opposite. What does it mean to dislike something? (to not like it) What does it mean to disagree? (to not agree)*

Begin a list of words that use *dis-* to create new, opposite words. Post the words where children can see them.