



# BUILDING BLOCKS

of the English Language:  
**Prefixes** **Root Words** **Suffixes**

SAMPLE

The state of being unable to secure paid employment.

**UN**      **EMPLOY**      **MENT**

Empty building block template with three colored sections (red, blue, green) for word parts.

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**RUBRIC**

Self-Check

- 1. I selected three words that have a prefix, root word, and/or suffix from the newspaper.
- 2. I cut these words into the two or three parts and pasted them on the boxes on the word cube.
- 3. I wrote the part of speech and definition for each word on the organizer.
- 4. I shared my word(s) and added each shared word to the word wall.

**Directions:**

Find words in newspaper headlines that are made up of prefixes, root words, and suffixes. Cut these words into their two or three parts, and place each part onto the correct section of the building block. Then label each word with its part of speech, and add the definition for each word on the top of its block. Share at least one word from your organizer with others in your class, and place it on the word wall.