

Support for English Learners

Unit 29, page 186: Prefixes: de-, trans-

Some students may have difficulty understanding that a prefix adds meaning to a base word or word root.

Listen

Remind students that a prefix is a word part added to the beginning of a base word or a word root to add meaning. Say: *Listen carefully to the Basic Word decrease*. Explain that the word *decrease* is made up of the prefix *de-* and the word root *crease*. Say *decrease*, pausing between the word parts.

Continue with the Basic Words *detour*, *transform*, and *translate*, emphasizing the prefix in each word.

Speak and Read

Say: *Let's practice saying the Basic Words decrease, detour, transform, and translate together*. Say each Basic Word again, emphasizing the prefix. Have students repeat the words.

Explain that the prefix *de-* can mean "the opposite of," "completely," "away," or "off." The prefix *trans-* can mean "across," "over," or "through."

Write *decrease* on the board. Have a volunteer draw a line between the prefix and the word root. Repeat with the Basic Words *detour*, *transform*, and *translate*.

Spell

Beginning/Preproduction Read aloud the Basic Words *transcript*, *describe*, *decay*, and *transfer*. Have students clap once when they hear a word with the prefix *trans-* and twice when they hear a word with the prefix *de-*.

Early Production/Speech Emergent Distribute a set of these word cards to each student: *transfer*, *decline*, *deposit*, and *transaction*. Have students underline the prefix in each word. Ask volunteers to take turns reading their words aloud, emphasizing the prefixes. Then have pairs put their card sets together and play a game of memory, matching cards with the same Basic Words.

Intermediate/Advanced Have students choose two Basic Words with the prefix *de-* and two words with the prefix *trans-*. Tell them to write a sentence for each word. Then invite students to write their sentences on the board. Say: *Which word in your sentence has a prefix? What is the prefix?*

transfer

decline