

Tips for “Deconstructing” Words

1. Look for words or known parts within the term.
 - ▶ **un- healthy**
2. Bite off the biggest chunk!
 - ▶ **diversity** (instead of only **di-**)
3. Word parts may have more than one meaning – must “play” with meanings to make prediction.
 - ▶ **dis- ease**
4. At times, the prefix/root/suffix “sequence” will not be used; not all words have all parts.
 - ▶ **port** or **dia- meter**
5. At times, there will be “extra” letters left between word parts.
 - ▶ **associat(e) -ive**