

THE FIRST EMPEROR *from* THE TOMB ROBBERS / DIGGING UP THE PAST:
DISCOVERY AND EXCAVATION OF SHI HUANGDI'S TOMB

COPY MASTER

Vocabulary Strategy

WORD PARTS

Sometimes you can figure out the meaning of an unfamiliar word by breaking the word into parts. For example, the vocabulary word *reconstruction* has three parts: the prefix *re-* (“again”), the base word *construct* (“to build”), and the suffix *-ion* (“action or process”).

When you combine the three meanings, you will find that *reconstruction* means “the action of building again.” Knowing the meaning of one or more parts of a word will help you determine the meaning of the complete word.

Directions: Identify the word parts in each word. Then try to define the word. If you need help, use a dictionary.

1. dissimilar _____

2. irreplaceable _____

3. unconscious _____

4. flexible _____

5. uncomfortable _____

6. assistance _____

7. fitness _____

8. blandness _____

9. disproportionate _____
