



ESOL Choice Board for Grades 9-12

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<p>Certain genres of text, such as news reports and other information sources, traditionally are supposed to state facts. They do not include the <i>opinion</i> of the author, or <i>rumor</i> (click here for definition). Particular signal words and phrases can often clue you in to whether you are hearing fact, opinion, or rumor.</p> <p>Signal Words: Facts</p> <div data-bbox="226 824 485 1073" style="background-color: black; color: white; padding: 5px;"> <p><u>Facts/Evidence</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •On June 2 (specific date). •In the year... •According to... •In the article, •The author states, •In the text, </div> <p>Signal Words: Opinion</p> <div data-bbox="226 1138 485 1424" style="background-color: black; color: white; padding: 5px;"> <p><u>Opinions/Claims</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •I think... •I believe... •I feel... •In my opinion... •In my point of view... •People should... </div>	<p>After World War II, Germany was carved into 4 zones, each governed by the victorious allies (USA, France, Britain, and USSR). Later on, the American, French, and British zones consolidated to become West Germany. The USSR zone became East Germany. Although Berlin was situated in East Germany, it was divided, too, between the allies and the USSR. Eventually, the USSR government installed a hard border between their part of Berlin and the part controlled by the allies. This “Berlin wall” would stand for the next 20+ years and become a symbol of the Cold War.</p> <p>Click here to view a photo essay depicting the Berlin Wall over time. (Content warning: violence and death)</p> 	<p>A suffix is added to a word to change its meaning and part of speech. Sometimes you have to double the final consonant, drop the final <i>e</i>, or change a final <i>y</i> to an <i>i</i> in a root word before adding a suffix.</p> <p>Some common suffixes include:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="829 521 1289 1117"> <thead> <tr> <th>Suffix</th> <th>Meaning</th> <th>Examples</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>-al</td> <td>act or process</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>-acy</td> <td>state or quality</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>-able, -ible</td> <td>capable of being</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>-ance, -ence</td> <td>state, condition, action</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>-ation, -tion</td> <td>act or condition of</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>-ic</td> <td>having to do with</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>-ist</td> <td>one who</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>-ism</td> <td>doctrine, belief</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>-ity</td> <td>quality of</td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Can you fill in at least one example for each suffix?</p> <p>Click here for a different explanation of suffixes</p> <p>Click here to quiz yourself on suffixes with Kerry Sensei!</p> <div data-bbox="814 1377 1304 1409" style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;"> __ship __less __ive __ful __ment </div>	Suffix	Meaning	Examples	-al	act or process		-acy	state or quality		-able, -ible	capable of being		-ance, -ence	state, condition, action		-ation, -tion	act or condition of		-ic	having to do with		-ist	one who		-ism	doctrine, belief		-ity	quality of		<p>“Wind of Change” is a 1991 song by West German band <i>Scorpions</i>. The song became associated with several different revolutions in the USSR, becoming a freedom anthem for some young people at the time.</p> <p>In 2020, the podcast “Wind of Change” explored a rumor that the song was written by the American Central Intelligence Agency and given to <i>Scorpions</i> to produce and release.</p> <p>Click here to listen to “Wind of Change” (the song)</p> <p>Click here to listen to “Wind of Change” (the podcast)</p> 	<p>“Wind of Change” (the podcast) bases its central idea on <i>rumor</i> that the song was written by the CIA. This means the creators of the podcast do not know for sure if the story they are telling is really true, so we should not take it as fact.</p> <p>Signal Words: Rumor</p> <div data-bbox="1654 849 1892 1239" style="background-color: orange; padding: 5px;"> <p>Language of rumour</p> <p>It is rumoured that...</p> <p>I heard that...</p> <p>It has been said/reported that...</p> <p>It appears that...</p> <p>It seems that...</p> <p>Apparently...</p> </div> <div data-bbox="1654 1101 1892 1239" style="background-color: white; padding: 5px; border: 1px solid orange;"> <p>Reportedly...</p> <p>Allegedly...</p> <p>Supposedly...</p> </div>
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[Click here](#) to watch an informational video about the post World War II rebuilding of Europe and the Cold War. Watch the video once and jot down the main idea and three supporting details:

Main idea:

Supporting Detail:

Supporting Detail:

Supporting Detail:

After that, watch it again and listen for examples of language of fact and language of opinion (reference the charts linked above). Fill out this organizer as you watch:

Language of Fact
Examples:
Language of Opinion
Examples:

Click through on Thursday's post to listen to the first episode of "Wind of Change." Do you hear any examples of language of *rumor*? Reference the charts linked above and fill out this organizer as you listen:

Language of Rumor
Example:
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Example: