

Celebrating Teachers and **Instructors** who **Build** Knowledge **and** Vocabulary



Word Root Lesson on “**Struct**” which means “**To Build**”

As we begin a new school year, let's give a big shout out and thank you to teachers everywhere.

Another name for teacher is “**instructor**.” The word “**instructor**” contains the word root “**struct**” which means to build. What do you think teachers build through their **instruction**?

Many words in English contain the “**struct**” word root and refer to **build**. Let's explore some of these words.

Here are phrases that include “**struct**” words meaning **build**. Match each phrase with the word in the box to the right. Then try to use each word in a sentence.

_____ Cannot be torn down or “unbuilt”.

_____ Something that blocks a passageway or impedes something from being built or completed.

_____ A building.

_____ To build again.

a. Structure

b. Reconstruct

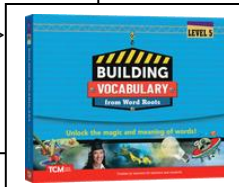
c. Indestructible

d. Obstruction

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Reconstruction in American History

The **Reconstruction** era was the period after the American Civil War from 1865 to 1877, during which the United States grappled with the reintegrating into the Union the Confederate states that had seceded. After the Civil War the United States was broken apart and had to be built (**struct**) back together (**con**) again (**re**) - it had to be **reconstructed**. **Reconstruction** was an attempt to **rebuild** a new America that rejected the institution of slavery and gave African Americans full equality in American society.