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APRIL FOOL'S MORPHOLOGY VOCABULARY
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A Tradition of Trickery

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One popular explanation suggests the tradition began in France during the 16th century. When the calendar was reformed and New Year's Day was moved from April to January, some people continued celebrating in April. Others ridiculed these individuals and played pranks on them, calling them "April fools." This ridicule often involved fabricated invitations or absurd announcements designed to deceive the most credulous citizens.

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Despite its mischievous nature, the celebration is generally meant to entertain rather than harm. Successful pranks rely on creativity, timing, and careful planning. However, responsible tricksters understand the importance of avoiding cruelty. The goal is laughter, not embarrassment.

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Fluency tracker

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Comprehension activities

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Answer the comprehension questions based on the story.

Question	Answer
What is one theory about how April Fool's Day began?	
Why were some people ridiculed in 16 th -century France?	
How have media organisations participated in April Fool's Day?	
Why is it important to avoid cruelty when playing pranks?	
What lesson does April Fool's Day teach about critical thinking?	

Match the word to its meaning. Use the story to find context clues.

Word	Meaning
illusion	to laugh at or mock
credulous	too ready to believe something
fabricate	to invent or make up
ridicule	something that tricks the eyes or mind
suspicious	doubtful or cautious

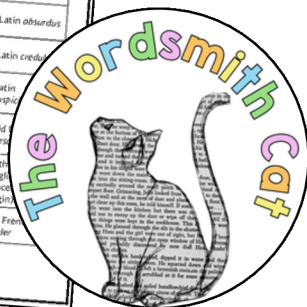
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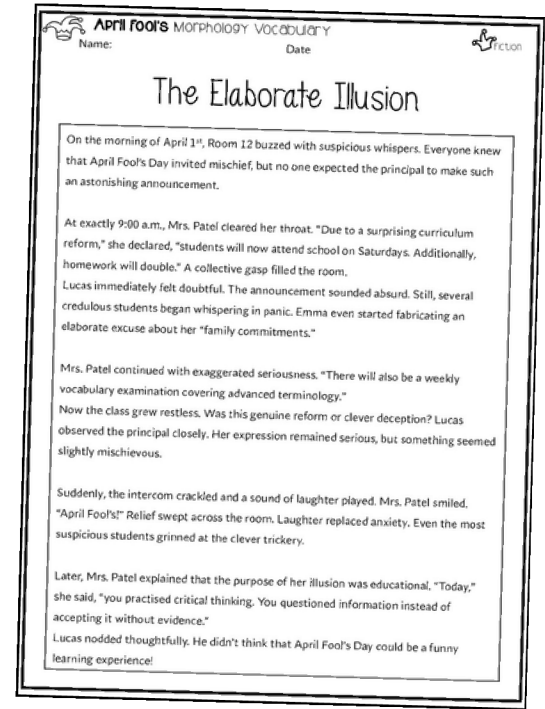
Word List

Word	Morpheme Structure	Root Meaning	Origin
illusion	il- (not) + lus (play/mock) + -ion (act)	to mock or trick	Latin <i>illusio</i>
deception	de- (from) + cept (take) + -ion (act)	to mislead	Latin <i>decipere</i>
ridicule	ridicul- (laugh) + -e	to laugh at	Latin <i>ridiculum</i>
fabricate	fabric (craft/build) + -ate (make)	to construct or invent	Latin <i>fabricari</i>
absurd	ab- (away) + surd (deaf)	unreasonable/out of tune	Latin <i>absurdus</i>
credulous	cred (believe) + -ulous (full of)	too ready to believe	Latin <i>credulus</i>
suspicious	sus- (under) + spec (look) + -ious (full of)	looking carefully	Latin <i>suspicio</i>
mischievous	mis- (wrong) + chief (head/end) + -ous (full of)	inclined to cause trouble	Old <i>mes</i>
hoax	simple root	trick	18 th Engl (uncertain origin)
reveal	re- (back) + veal (veil/cover)	to uncover	Old French <i>revealer</i>



Why you'll love it!

- ✓ Fiction & non-fiction reading passages
- ✓ Engaging morphology reading material
- ✓ Fluency passages for older students
- ✓ Unique way to explore etymology



Passage Titles

- A Tradition of Trickery
- The Elaborate Illusion
- The Psychology of Belief
- The Chaotic Chemistry Demonstration
- Why Do People Believe April Fool's Hoaxes?
- The Algorithm Malfunction
- The Physiology of Laughter
- The Chronological Catastrophe
- Global April Fool's Traditions
- The Grand Illusion Initiative



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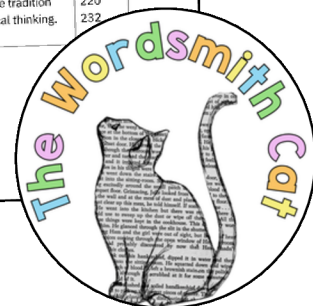
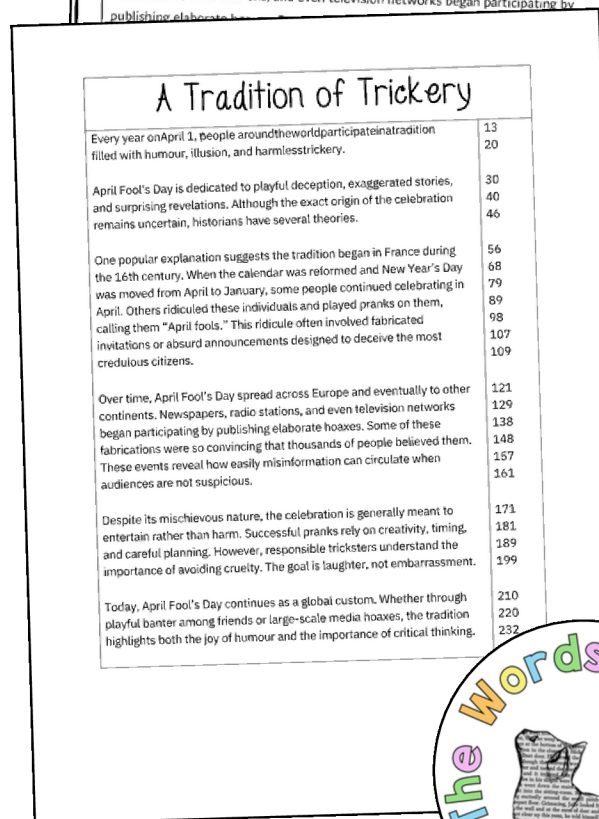
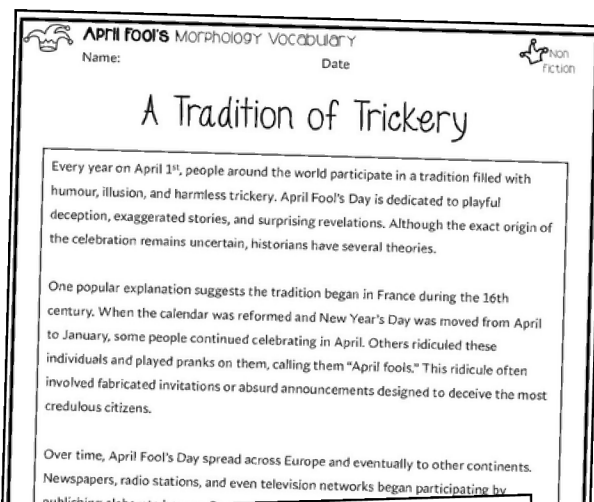
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✓ Small group reading task

✓ Morphology notebook printable

✓ Homework task

✓ Early finisher activity



Teach morphology!

Help students understand word structure.

Boost vocabulary and comprehension skills.

Enhance decoding and word recognition ability.

 **APRIL FOOL'S** Morphology Vocabulary 

The Elaborate Illusion

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suspicious	sus- (under) + spec (look) + -ious	looking carefully	Latin <i>suspiciosus</i>
astonishing	a- (intensifier) + ston (stone) + -ish + -ing	stunned like a stone	Old English/French blend
absurd	ab- (away) + surd (deaf)	unreasonable	Latin <i>absurdus</i>
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fabricate	fabric (craft/build) + -ate	to construct or invent	Latin <i>fabricari</i>
exaggerated	ex- (out) + agger (heap) + -ate + -ed	heaped up	Latin <i>exaggerare</i>
deception	de- (from) + cept (take) + -ion	to mislead	Latin <i>decipere</i>
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