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Explanations of syllables and morphemes

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Syllables & Morphemes

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Follow the examples to complete the table.

Word	Origin	Syllables	Morphemes
Autograph	Greek	3 (au/to/graph)	2 (au/to/graph)
Construction	Latin	3 (con/struct/ion)	3 (con/struct/ion)
Handsome	Anglo Saxon	2 (hand/some)	2 (hand/some)
Biology	Greek		
Reflect	Latin		
Beheaded	Anglo Saxon		

Tips for reading multisyllabic words

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Multisyllabic Words

Follow these steps to read long, multisyllabic words.

1. Look for a prefix.
2. Find the root or base word.
3. Look for a suffix.
4. Divide the word into syllables.
5. Read each part, then blend it together.

Example: misunderstanding
mis = wrong
under = below
stand = base word
ing = happening now

Your turn!

construction	autobiographical

Common Prefixes	Common Suffixes
un-, in-, dis-, pre-, mis-, inter-, sub-, trans-	-ful, -less, -ment, -dom, -able, -ible, -ous, -ly

Syllable types

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Syllable Types

Use clues to help you find syllables.

- Open syllable: ends with a vowel (is / ger)
- Closed syllable: ends with a consonant (bas / ket)
- Vowel team: two vowels together (train)
- Consonant le / ble

Strategy Questions

- Which part of the word do you already know?
- Where can you divide the word?
- Does the word contain a prefix or suffix?

Break these words apart and identify the syllables.

transportation

responsibility

independent

Breaking down root words

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Anglo Saxon Root Words

What is a syllable? _____

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Identify the syllables and morphemes.

Word	Syllables	Morphemes
Handsome (Anglo Saxon)	2 (hand/some)	
Knighthood		
Welcome		
Unbearable		
Wooded		
Selfless		
Kingdom		
Ended		
Withhold		
Rained		
Being		

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Latin Root Words

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Identify the syllables and morphemes.

Word	Syllables	Morphemes
Construction (Latin)	3 (con/struct/ion)	
Provide		
Prescription		
Abstract		
Product		
Refraction		
Reject		
Portal		
Disruptive		
Vision		
Projection		

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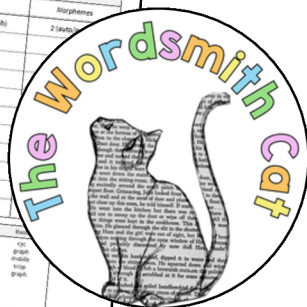
Greek Root Words

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Autograph	3 (au/to/graph)	2 (au/to/graph)
Hydrograph		
Thermometer		
Photograph		
Microscopic		
Cosmology		
Astronaut		
Telephone		
Automobile		
Geology		
Cycle		



Skills covered.

Break words into syllables

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Syllable Break Up

Break each word into syllables.
Circle the syllable that contains a root in each word.

transportation	
extraordinary	
responsibility	
geographical	
impossible	

Which word was the hardest to break apart? Why?

Finding morphemes

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Find the Morphemes

Fill in the table for each word.

interruption	
Break into morphemes	Write the morpheme meanings
Write a definition for the word	

unbelievable	
Break into syllables	Write a definition
Use it in a sentence	

microscope	
Break into syllables	Write a definition
Use it in a sentence	

Use context clues

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Multisyllabic Mystery

Use the clues to identify the multisyllabic word.

Prefix means	Root means	Suffix means	Complete word
not	see	able to	
again + with	build	ing	
under	sea	-	
small	look		
wrong	understand	ing	

Break the completed words into syllables.

Word	Syllables

Spelling skills

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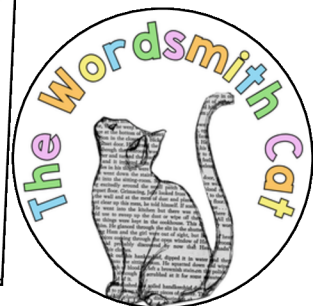
Build Multisyllabic Words

Use the morphemes to build words.

Prefix	Root	Suffix	Complete word
un	believe	able	
trans	port	ation	
bio	graph	y	
dis	agree	ment	
micro	scop	ic	

Which word has the most syllables? Which has the least?

Write a sentence or paragraph using one or more of the words.



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 Independent morphology practice

✓ Early finisher task

 Bell ringer

 Intervention or small group work

Homework task

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Anglo Saxon Root Words

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Prefixes	
un	

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Latin

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Precede	
Prescription	
Instruct	
Product	
Reflection	
Reject	
Portal	
Disruptive	
Vision	
Projection	

Prefixes	
multi	
thermo	
hydro	
photo-	

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Latin Root Words

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Prefixes	Suffixes
auto	high
thermo	y
hydro	k
photo	
micro	
constru	
astru	
tele	
gno	

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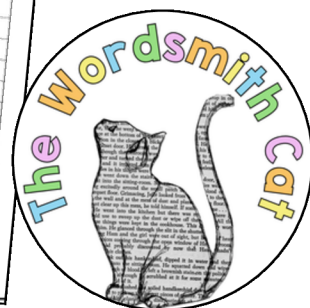
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Prefixes	Suffixes	Roots
auto	logy	cyt
thermo	ly	graph
photo	ic	metabol
micro		scopy
cosmo		graph
aero		
tele		
gno		



Teach morphology!

Help students understand word structure.

Boost vocabulary and comprehension skills.

Enhance decoding and word recognition ability.

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Reflex			

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