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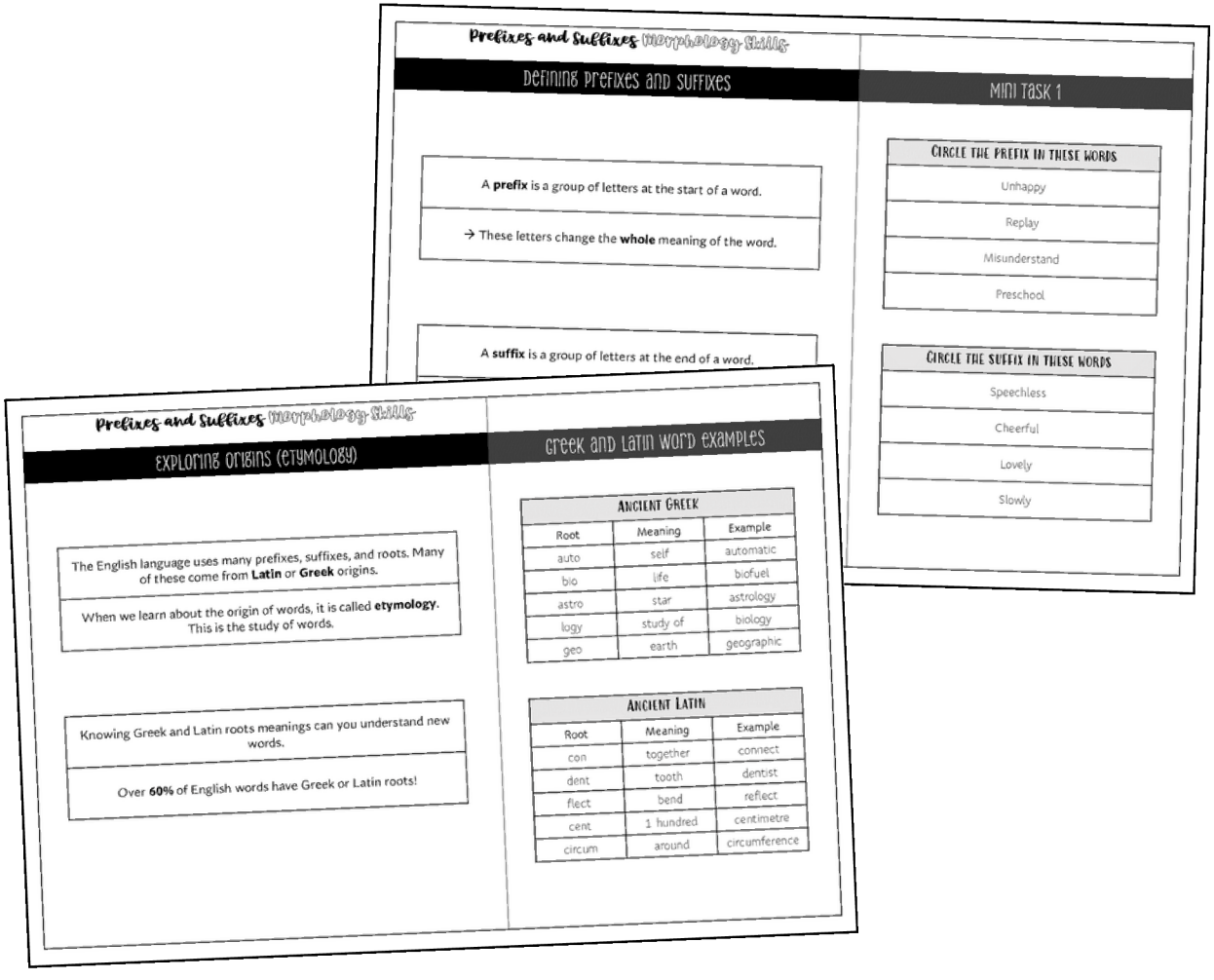
- Learning intention & success criteria
- Explanations and examples
- Mini quizzes and tasks
- Accessible etymology activities



Prefixes and Suffixes Morphology Skills

Defining Prefixes and Suffixes

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→ These letters change the **whole** meaning of the word.

A **suffix** is a group of letters at the end of a word.

Mini Task 1

Circle the prefix in these words
Unhappy
Replay
Misunderstand
Preschool

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Speechless
Cheerful
Lovely
Slowly

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Exploring Origins (Etymology)

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When we learn about the origin of words, it is called **etymology**. This is the study of words.

Knowing Greek and Latin roots meanings can you understand new words.

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Greek and Latin Word Examples

Ancient Greek		
Root	Meaning	Example
auto	self	automatic
bio	life	biofuel
astro	star	astrology
logy	study of	biology
geo	earth	geographic

Ancient Latin		
Root	Meaning	Example
con	together	connect
dent	tooth	dentist
flect	bend	reflect
cent	1 hundred	centimetre
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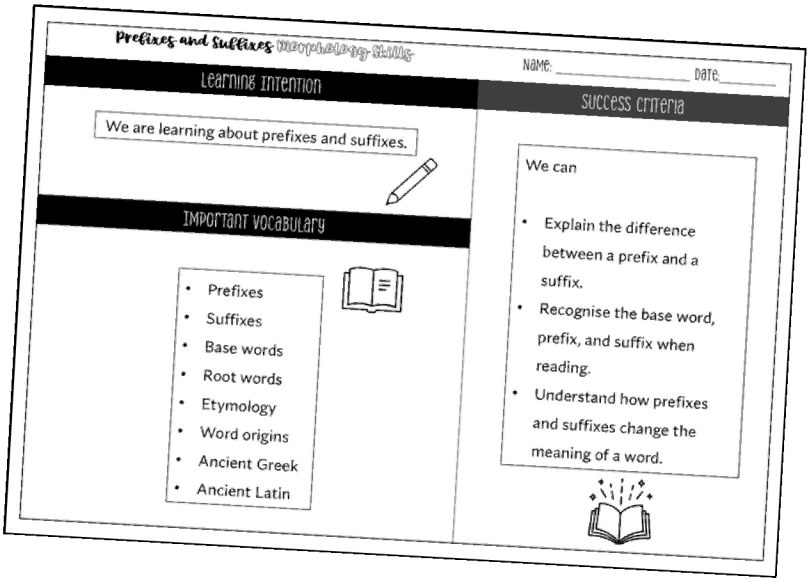
Teach morphology!

Help students understand word structure.

Boost vocabulary and comprehension skills.

Enhance decoding and word recognition ability.



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Name: _____ Date: _____

Learning Intention

We are learning about prefixes and suffixes.

Important Vocabulary

- Prefixes
- Suffixes
- Base words
- Root words
- Etymology
- Word origins
- Ancient Greek
- Ancient Latin

Success Criteria

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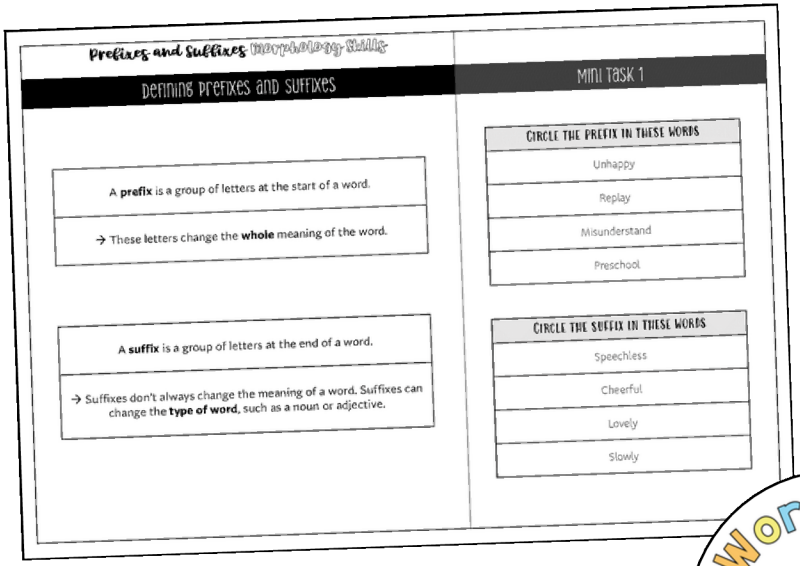

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Why you'll love this!

PRACTICE PREFIX AND SUFFIX WORD BUILDING!

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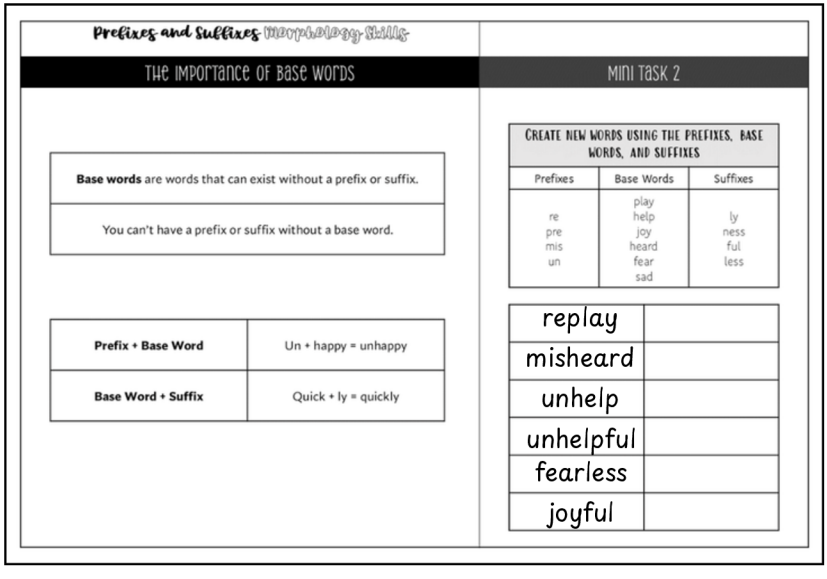

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THE IMPORTANCE OF BASE WORDS

Base words are words that can exist without a prefix or suffix.

You can't have a prefix or suffix without a base word.

Prefix + Base Word	Un + happy = unhappy
Base Word + Suffix	Quick + ly = quickly

MINI TASK 2

CREATE NEW WORDS USING THE PREFIXES, BASE WORDS, AND SUFFIXES

Prefixes	Base Words	Suffixes
re pre mis un	play help joy heard fear sad	ly ness ful less

replay	
misheard	
unhelp	
unhelpful	
fearless	
joyful	

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Ways to use this product.

- Independent morphology practice
- Pre or post test
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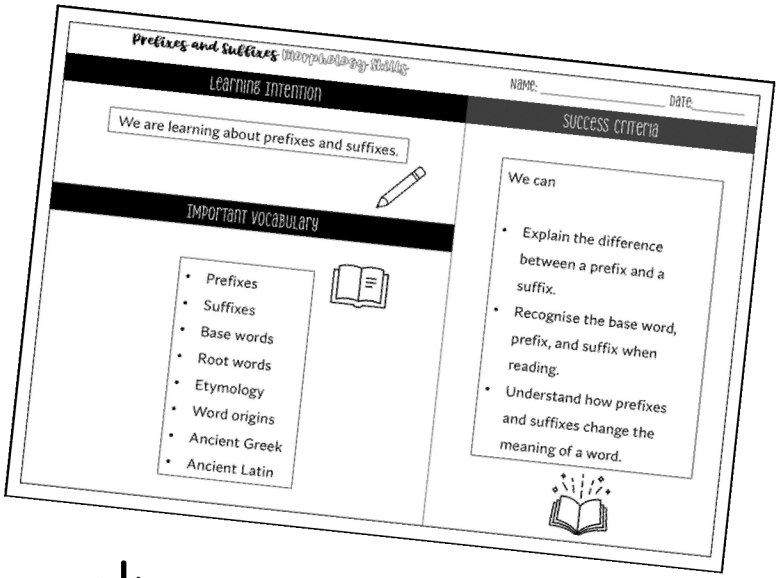

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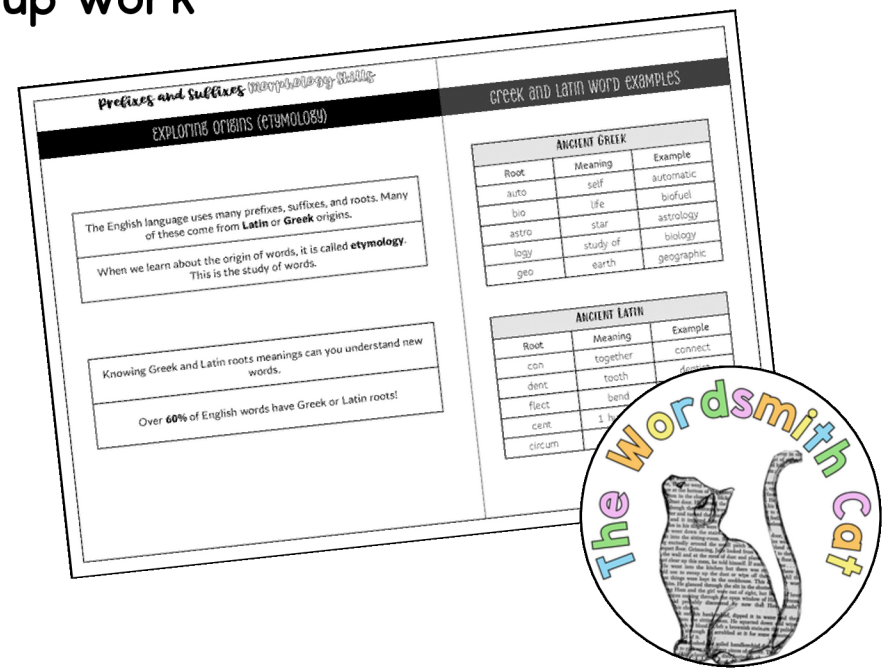

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