

What's included?

✓ 6 passages with multisyllabic base words

- 2x one syllable
- 2x two syllables
- 1x three syllables
- 1x four syllables

✓ Word matrix

✓ Study guide

✓ Word sums

✓ Spelling rules

Base Words Study **one SYLLABLE** Name: _____ Date: _____

Read the story. There are 5 one syllable base words to look out for.

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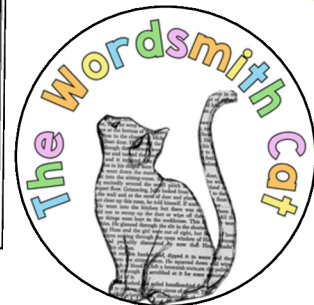
Write some base words with a prefix or suffix in the story.

unhelpful
sadness
quietly
kindness

Re-read the story and find these base words. Identify the prefix or suffix. Fill in the table.

Prefix	Base Word	Suffix
Re	play	-
un	help	ful
-	sad	ness

wide
help
kind
slow
sad



Teach morphology!

Help students understand word structure.

Boost vocabulary and comprehension skills.

Enhance decoding and word recognition ability.

Base Words Study		WORD SUMS	Name: _____
			Date: _____
Practice using base words, prefixes, and suffixes			
Un + pack + ing = <u>unpacking</u>	Mis + understand + ing = _____		
Dis + agree + ment = <u>disagreement</u>	Re + watch + ed = _____		
Dis + interest + ed = <u>disinterested</u>	Un + do + ing = _____		
Wonder + ing = _____	Dis + play = _____		
Grate + ful = _____	Re + do = _____		
Choose two base words and write your own sentence			
_____		_____	
_____		_____	
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BASE WORDS GUIDE

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A base word can be a noun, a verb, or an adjective. Its spelling can change when a suffix is added.

A prefix is added in front of a base word. A suffix is added to the end of a base word.

Base Words Spelling Patterns

Spelling Rule	Example word	Explanation <i>*remember there are always exceptions to these rules</i>
Drop the final 'e'	Take → taking	If the base word has a silent 'e' at the end, drop the 'e' and replace it with an 'i'. This also applies to words that end with a 'y'.
Change 'y' to 'i'	Happy → happiness	
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Circle any other base words you find in the story.

Clue: here are the prefixes and suffixes used on these words:

- Re + ed
- In +
- Re + ed
- ful + ly
- Re + ing
- Un + ful

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But before Ollie could finish his sentence, Sammy jumped in again with another question.

Sammy was being unhelpful. But Ollie gently replaced his interruption with a valuable lesson.

"Interrupting others makes it difficult to have a conversation," Ollie explained. "It's important to wait our turn to speak, so everyone gets to share." Sammy nodded, realizing his mistake. From that day on, he listened carefully and waited patiently. Ollie was proud of him.

Base Word

Root Word

Ways to use this product.

✓ Independent morphology practice

✓ Pre or post test

✓ Assessment screener

✓ Intervention or small group work

✓ Homework task

✓ Early finisher activity

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