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Stimulus Word	Question	Answer
accredited	Identify the syllable types and their sounds.	All syllables are closed; /ăk/ /krĕd/ /ĭt/ / ěd/
accredited	What does it mean to be accredited?	Ex: to be officially recognized or approved
accredited	Use the word in a sentence.	Student's own response
addicted	Which vowel sound do you hear in the first syllable?	/ă/ or /æ/
addicted	Is it long or short?	Short
addicted	How do you know?	It is in a closed syllable.
addicted	What does this word mean?	Ex: having a strong dependence on something
admonish	How many syllables make up this word?	3 syllables
admonish	What is the second syllable?	mon
admonish	What does this word mean?	Ex: to warn or reprimand firmly
admonish	Use it in a sentence.	Student's own response
afflicted	Name the sounds that make up each syllable in this word.	/ăf/ /flĭct/ /ěd/ OR /əf/ /flĭkt/ /ɛd/
afflicted	How does the suffix change the meaning of the word?	Indicates past tense or condition
almanac	What are the first and last syllables in this word?	al; nac
almanac	What's a synonym for this word?	Ex: calendar or yearbook
almanac	Use "almanac" in a sentence.	Student's own response
anesthetic	Where would you divide this word into syllables, and why?	an-es-thet-ic; follow vowel/consonant patterns
anesthetic	Why would someone need an anesthetic?	Ex: to prevent pain during surgery or a procedure
anesthetic	Use the word in a sentence.	Student's own response
aspect	How would you divide this word into syllables?	as-pect
aspect	Why?	Divide between consonant cluster s/p
aspect	What sounds do the last two letters in this word make?	/kt/
attempting	Break this word into syllables.	at-tempt-ing
attempting	What does "attempting" mean?	Ex: trying to do something
attempting	If you replaced the suffix with "-ed", how would the meaning differ?	Ex: indicates past action instead of ongoing
backpack	Is this a compound word?	Yes

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backpack	How do you know?	Formed from two words: back + pack
backpack	Name four things that start with the same letter that you could carry in a backpack.	Ex: book, banana, binder, bottle
badminton	Is the last syllable closed?	Yes
badminton	How do you know?	It has one vowel that is followed by at least one consonant.
bankrupt	How would you divide this word into syllables?	bank-rupt
bankrupt	Why?	Divide after consonant cluster nk
bankrupt	Name an antonym (opposite) of this word.	Ex: rich
banquets	Name the syllables in this word.	ban-quets
banquets	Why is there a "u" beside the "q"?	In English, "q" is almost always followed by "u".
basket	How would you divide this word into syllables?	bas-ket
basket	Why?	Divide between the s and k; closed syllables
bathtub	If you take off the first syllable, what word is left?	tub
brandishing	Do you see a prefix or suffix?	Suffix: -ing
brandishing	If so, what is it, and how does it change the meaning of the word?	Suffix -ing shows ongoing action
calisthenic	Divide this word into syllables.	cal-is-then-ic
calisthenic	Explain the rule(s).	Divide at consonant/vowel patterns; make each syllable closed
calisthenic	State each syllable type.	They are all closed syllables.
candid	Where would you split this word into syllables?	can-did
candid	Why?	Divide between consonants in VC/CV words
comic	Where would you split this word into syllables?	com-ic
comic	Why?	Divide between consonant and vowel in second syllable
commanding	What suffix do you see in this word?	-ing
commanding	How does it change the meaning of the word?	Shows ongoing action or present participle

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complex	What does this word mean?	Ex: complicated or having many parts
complex	Name two words that are similar in meaning.	Ex: complicated, intricate, difficult
concoct	What does this word mean?	Ex: to create or invent something, especially a story or dish
concoct	Use this word in a sentence.	Student's own response
conflict	Is this word only made up of closed syllables?	Yes
conflict	How do you know?	Each syllable has only one vowel that is closed in by at least one consonant.
constant	What are the vowel sounds in each syllable?	/ŏ/ /ă/ OR /ɒ/ /ă/
constant	Are they long or short?	Short
constant	How do you know?	They are in closed syllables.
constricting	What would you listen for first if you had to write this word without looking at it?	Ex: Beginning sound /k/; root words/ affixes
constricting	What would come next?	Ex: vowel sound in the first syllable; the blend str and other sounds sequentially
construct	How would you divide this word into syllables?	con-struct
construct	Why?	Divide at prefix and root boundary
construct	What does this word mean?	Ex: to build or create
construct	What is the opposite of this word?	Ex: destroy or demolish
consult	What kind of word is this — a noun, verb, adjective, or something else?	Can be a noun or a verb
consult	Can it be used in more than one way?	Yes
consult	How do you know?	Context changes whether it is used as noun or verb.
contended	Say the base word.	contend
contended	Now say it without the suffix.	contend
contended	Now read the word without the first syllable.	tended
convicted	What does the suffix say in this word?	/ĕd/ OR /ɛd/
convicted	Name two words that end with the same suffix sound.	Ex: chatted, blended
crickets	If you divide this word into syllables, would you keep together or split apart the "ck"?	Keep together

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crickets	Why?	Ex:"ck" is a digraph representing one sound, so you can't split them apart.
disestablishing	What prefix, suffix, and base word are in this word?	Prefix: dis-; base: establish; suffix: -ing
disestablishing	How do the prefix and suffix change the meaning of the base word?	Prefix makes it negative; suffix shows ongoing action
disinfectant	How would you divide this word into syllables?	dis-in-fec-tant
disinfectant	Why?	Divide at prefix, root, and suffix boundaries
disinfectant	Use this word in a sentence.	Student's own response
disinhibit	If you didn't know this word, how would you break it apart to read it?	Break by prefixes" dis-, in-; root: hibit
disinhibit	What strategies would you use?	Identify familiar parts and sound them out.
disrupted	Say this word aloud.	disrupted
disrupted	Now say it again without the first syllable.	rupted
disrupted	Now say the whole word but without the suffix.	disrupt
distended	What is the meaning of the base word?	Ex: extend or stretch
distended	How does the suffix change the meaning of the word?	Shows past tense or condition
distracted	Tap out the second syllable.	/t/ /r/ /ă/ /k/ /t/ OR /t/ /r/ /æ/ /k/ /t/
distracted	What does this word mean?	Ex: unable to concentrate because of disturbance
distracted	What is a synonym of this word?	Ex: unfocused
dogmatic	Say this word aloud.	dogmatic
dogmatic	Now say it again without the first syllable.	matic
dogmatic	Now say only the first and third syllables.	dog, ic
drumstick	What are the two blends in this word?	dr, st
drumstick	Is this a compound word?	Yes
drumstick	How do you know?	Formed from drum + stick
effects	How does the suffix change the meaning of this word?	Makes it plural
effects	Name one other suffix you know.	Ex: -ing, -ed
embellish	Identify each syllable type.	They are all closed syllables.
embellish	Say each vowel sound aloud.	/ě/ /ě/ /ĩ/ OR /ε/ /ε/ /ɪ/

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embellish	What spelling rules would help you figure out how to spell this word correctly?	Ex: double "l" at the end of closed syllables before adding suffix
enthraling	Divide this word into syllables, and say each syllable aloud.	en-thrall-ing
enthraling	Is this a compound word?	No
enthraling	How do you know?	Not made from two separate words
ethnic	Which rule helps you to divide this word into syllables and read it?	Divide after the first digraph; eth-nic
exhibiting	What does this word mean?	Ex: showing or displaying something
exhibiting	What is a synonym of this word?	Ex: presenting
express	Is there a spelling skill or memory strategy that helps you remember how to spell this word?	Ex: find the prefix and remember to double "s" at the end of one-syllable closed words (press)
extinct	Divide this word into syllables, and say each syllable aloud.	ex-tinct
extinct	Use this word in a sentence.	Student's own response
extracting	How does the suffix "-ing" change the meaning of a word?	Ex: it shows ongoing action
extracting	Name three words with "-ing" used as a suffix.	Ex: running, jumping, reading
gimmick	What does this word mean?	Ex: a trick or device intended to attract attention
gimmick	What is a synonym of this word?	Ex: trick
gossips	What does this word mean?	Ex: talks about others' private lives
gossips	What is a synonym of this word?	Ex: informs
grandchild	Divide this word into syllables, and say each syllable aloud.	grand-child
grandchild	Use this word in a sentence.	Student's own response
gumball	Divide this word into syllables, and say each syllable aloud.	gum-ball
helmets	Name three different types of helmets.	Ex: bike helmet, football helmet, construction helmet
helmets	Use "helmets" in a sentence.	Student's own response
hilltop	How would you divide this word into syllables?	hill-top
hilltop	Why?	Compound word: hill + top
jackrabbit	If you could only eat one food and drink one drink for a whole year, what food and drink would you choose?	Student's own response

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indignant	How would you divide this word into syllables?	in-dig-nant
indignant	Why?	Divide between consonants following short vowel sounds
indignant	If you could have any superpower, what would it be, and why?	Student's own response
indistinct	Name the sounds in each syllable.	/ɪn/ /dɪs/ /tɪŋkt/ OR /ɪn/ /dɪs/ /tɪŋkt/
indistinct	What five adjectives best describe you?	Student's own response
inflicted	How do the suffixes "-ing" and "-ed" change the meaning of a word?	Ex:-ing shows ongoing action; -ed shows past tense.
inflicted	Describe your perfect day using five multisyllabic words.	Student's own response
inspected	Name five animals or foods starting with the same letter as this word.	Ex: iguana, ice cream, insect, icing, iceberg lettuce
installing	What is the rule for adding double consonants at the end of a one-syllable word?	You double "f", "l", "s", and sometimes "z" at the end of one-syllable words
installing	How does the suffix "-ing" change a word's meaning?	Ex: indicates ongoing or present action
instinct	Tell about a time you felt proud.	Student's own response
instinct	Use at least three multisyllabic words to describe it.	Student's own response
instinct	How many syllables are in this word?	2 syllables
instinct	What do the last two letters in this word say?	/kt/
kinesthetic	How would you divide this word into syllables?	kin-es-thet-ic
kinesthetic	Why?	Ex: each is a closed syllable, so close in the vowels; divide at vowel/consonant patterns and roots
kinesthetic	Read this word one syllable at a time.	kin-es-thet-ic
lemons	How many syllables do you hear in this word?	2 syllables
lemons	What is the second syllable?	mons
lemons	Name a word that describes how a lemon tastes.	Ex: sour
locksmith	Name the sounds in each syllable.	/lɒk/ /smɪθ/ OR /lɒk/ /smɪθ/
locksmith	What is a compound word?	Ex: a word made by combining two smaller words

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locksmith	Why would someone need to hire a locksmith?	Ex: to unlock, change, or repair locks
magnets	Is this a compound word?	No
magnets	How do you know?	Ex: it is not made from two complete standalone words
magnets	What does a magnet do?	Ex: it attracts or repels certain metals
mammal	How many syllables does this word have?	2 syllables
mammal	Where do you split this word into syllables?	mam-mal
mascot	How would you divide this word into syllables?	mas-cot
mascot	Why?	Ex: divide after the first closed syllable; divide VC/CV
mascot	Where might you see a mascot, and what is a mascot's job?	Ex: at sports games; to represent and energize a team/crowd
mattresses	Break this word into syllables, and say each syllable aloud.	mat-tress-es
mattresses	Describe a proud moment using at least three multisyllabic words.	Student's own response
menthol	Say each syllable in this word.	men-thol
menthol	What are the sounds in each syllable?	/měn/ /thŏl/ OR /mɛn/ /θɔl/
menthol	Identify the digraph in this word.	th
method	Is the last syllable closed?	Yes
method	How do you know?	Ex: it has one vowel that is followed by at least one consonant
misconstructs	Divide this word into syllables, and say each syllable aloud.	mis-con-structs
misconstructs	Are there any antonyms (opposites) of this word?	Ex: build well
mothballs	Is this a compound word?	Yes
mothballs	How do you know?	Ex: made from two smaller words; made from moth + balls
mothballs	How does the suffix change the meaning of the word?	Ex: it makes it plural
nonathletic	Divide this word into syllables.	non-ath-let-ic
nonathletic	What type of syllables do you see?	They are all closed syllables.
nutshell	If you take off the first syllable, what word is left?	shell

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nutshell	If you replace "shell" with "meg", what is the new word?	nutmeg
obstructed	What is the suffix, and how does it change the meaning of the word?	Suffix: -ed; shows past tense or completed action
obstructed	Use this word in a sentence.	Student's own response
pandemic	Tap out and say each syllable in this word.	pan-dem-ic
pandemic	Use this word in a sentence.	Student's own response
plankton	Where would you split this word into syllables?	plank-ton
plankton	Why?	Divide after the "ank" welded team.
polishes	Name three countries that start with a vowel.	Ex: Australia, India, Argentina, United States
pragmatic	How would you divide this word into syllables?	prag-mat-ic
pragmatic	Why?	Ex: divide after closed syllables following short vowels
problematic	Divide this word into syllables, and say each syllable aloud.	prob-lem-at-ic
problematic	What does the word mean?	Ex: causing problems or difficult to deal with
problematic	Name a word with a similar meaning.	Ex: troublesome
prospectus	How would you divide this word into syllables?	pros-pec-tus
prospectus	Why?	Ex: divide at prefix, root, and suffix boundaries
prospectus	Name the blends in this word.	pr, sp
pundits	What type of syllables do you see in this word?	Closed
pundits	How do you know?	Each syllable has only one vowel that is closed in by at least one consonant.
punish	What is the last syllable in this word?	ish
punish	Why might someone be punished?	Ex: for breaking rules or doing something wrong
punish	What is the opposite of this word?	Ex: reward
puppets	What does this word mean?	Ex: small figures moved by hand or strings
puppets	Use this word in a sentence.	Student's own response

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quicksand	Divide this word into syllables, and say each syllable aloud.	quick-sand
quintuplets	Divide this word into syllables, and say each syllable aloud.	quin-tup-lets
quintuplets	What does this word mean?	Ex: five babies born at the same time
quintuplets	Use it in a sentence.	Student's own response
radish	How would you divide this word into syllables?	rad-ish
radish	Why?	Ex: divide after first closed syllable
radish	Is a radish a fruit or a vegetable?	Ex: vegetable
recommended	What sound does the "-ed" in this word make?	/ě/ OR / ɛd/
recommended	Name two words that end with the same suffix sound.	Ex: wanted, needed
sandwiches	How does the suffix change the meaning of the base word?	Ex: it makes it plural
sandwiches	What is your favorite sandwich?	Student's own response
sandwiches	Use "sandwich" in a sentence.	Student's own response
scaffold	Do the vowels in this word make a short or long sound?	The first syllable has a short vowel; the second syllable has a long vowel.
scaffold	Why?	"Scaf" is a closed syllable, so the "a" makes its short sound; "fold" is a closed-syllable excpetion, so the "o" makes its long sound.
scaffold	What is the closed exception in this word?	old
segmented	Divide this word into syllables, and say each syllable aloud.	seg-ment-ed
segmented	What does this word mean?	Ex: divided into parts or sections
segmented	Use it in a sentence.	Student's own response
seventh	Name two other number words that end with "th" to represent ranking.	Ex: sixth, tenth
seventh	Now spell one of them.	Ex: s-i-x-t-h
shamrock	What color is a shamrock?	Green
shamrock	Where or when have you seen one?	Student's own response
spectrum	Say this word.	spectrum
spectrum	Now say it again but without the first syllable.	trum

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spinach	Divide this word into syllables, and say each syllable aloud.	spin-ach
spinach	Name two other foods that start with a blend.	Ex: strawberry, spaghetti
subcontract	Divide this word into syllables, and say each syllable aloud.	sub-con-tract
subcontract	Name the two blends in this word.	tr, ct
subject	What sound does the "ct" make?	/kt/
subject	What is the meaning of this word?	Ex: topic or area of study
subject	What is your favorite subject?	Student's own response
subproducts	Divide this word into syllables, and say each syllable aloud.	sub-prod-ucts
subproducts	What sound does the "ct" make?	/kt/
subtracts	What spelling rules or patterns help you figure out how to spell this word correctly?	Ex: listen for word parts
suffixes	What is a suffix?	Ex: a letter or letters added to the end of a word to change its meaning
suffixes	How does the suffix change the meaning of this word?	Ex: shows plural
suffixes	What does this word's suffix say?	/ɪz/ OR /ɪz/
sundresses	How would you divide this word into syllables?	sun-dress-es
sundresses	Which rule helps you to divide this word into syllables and read it?	Ex: compound word and suffix rule
suspects	What does this word mean when it is used as a noun?	Ex: a person thought to be guilty of something.
suspects	What does it mean when it is used as a verb?	Ex: to believe something without certain proof
tantrums	How would you divide this word into syllables?	tan-trums
tantrums	Why?	Ex: divide after first closed syllable and before blend
tantrums	What five adjectives best describe you?	Student's own response
transatlantic	Divide this word into syllables, and say each syllable aloud.	trans-at-lan-tic
transatlantic	Use this word in a sentence.	Student's own response
transcript	Divide this word into syllables, and say each syllable aloud.	tran-script

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spinach	If you replace the "cript" with "fix", what is the new word?	transfix
transfixing	What does this word mean?	Ex: captivating or holding attention
transfixing	What is the opposite of this word?	Ex: boring
transgressing	How does this word's suffix change the baseword's meaning?	Ex: indicates continuous action
transgressing	Name three words with the same suffix.	Ex: running, jumping, singing
transit	If you could have any superpower, what would it be, and why?	Student's own response
transplant	Divide this word into syllables, and say each syllable aloud.	trans-plant
transplant	Think of a compound word, and use it in a sentence.	Ex: sunflower; student's own response
trespassing	What is the rule for double letters at the end of a single-syllable word?	You double "f", "l", "s", and sometimes "z" at the end of one-syllable words.
trespassing	What does this word mean?	Ex: entering someone's property without permission
trespassing	Use it in a sentence.	Student's own response
vanishing	What would you bring if you were stranded on an island for a year and could only bring three things?	Student's own response
whiplash	What does this word mean?	Ex: a neck injury from sudden movement
whiplash	How many sounds make up this word?	6 sounds
Wisconsin	How would you divide this word into syllables?	Wis-con-sin
Wisconsin	Why?	Ex: divide after closed syllables
Wisconsin	What is Wisconsin, and where is it?	Ex: it is a U.S. state in the Midwest area of the country
abstract	How would you divide this word into syllables?	ab-stract
abstract	Why?	Ex: divide after first closed syllable and before blend
abstract	Describe your perfect day using four multisyllabic words.	Student's own response.