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Stimulus Word	Question	Answer
abandoning	Name an open syllable exception and its rule.	Ex: the open syllable exception “a” as in “about”; vowels in unaccented open syllables use short sounds or schwa
abandoning	How did the suffix "-ing" change the meaning of the base word?	Ex: it made it present participle or gerund form
abdicate	How many syllables does this word have, and what types are they?	3 syllables: ab (closed), di (open exception), cate (VCE)
ability	What are the open syllable exceptions in this word?	Ex: a and the second i
ability	How do you know?	Ex: because it is pronounced /ə/ not long a and /i/ or /ɪ/ not long i
academy	Say each syllable aloud.	a-cad-e-my
academy	What sound does the "y" make?	/ē/ OR /i/
administrate	How many syllables does this word have?	4 syllables
administrate	Using syllable division rules, show how to divide it into syllables.	ad-min-is-trate
Alaska	What sounds are in the initial and final syllables?	first syllable: /ə/; final syllable: /kə/
Alaska	Explain why the vowel in those syllables isn't saying its name.	Ex: unaccented open syllables say schwa or short sound
allusive	What sound does "u" make in this word?	Ex: /ōō/ as in blue OR /u:/
allusive	What other sounds can "u" make?	/ŭ/ /ū/ OR /ʌ/ /yu/
aluminum	Say each syllable.	a-lu-mi-num
aluminum	What sounds are in the last syllable?	/nŭm/ OR /nəm/
aluminum	Name an open syllable exception and its rule.	Ex: the “a” in “about”; vowels in unaccented open syllables use short sounds or schwa
amazement	Name three types of syllables that you know.	Ex: closed, open, VCE
amazement	Are there any syllable exceptions in this word?	Ex: the first a is an open-syllable exception; it says /ə/
amazement	Explain.	Ex: the first syllable is not accented, so the vowel takes on a /ə/ sound
amplitude	How many syllables does this word have?	3 syllables
amplitude	Divide this word into syllables.	am-pli-tude
amuse	Name three closed syllable words.	Ex: cat, nap, dog
amuse	Name three V-C-E syllable words.	Ex: make, time, note

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amuse	Name three words with the open syllable exception.	Ex: about, ago, continent
antiquate	What types of syllables are in this word?	an (closed), ti (open exception), quate (VCE)
antiquate	What is the open syllable exception in this word?	ti because it is unaccented and pronounced /tī/ or /tɪ/
apprehended	How does the suffix change the meaning of this word?	Ex: it made it past tense
apprehended	Use the word in a sentence.	Student's own response
aptitude	Name the open syllable exception in this word.	ti because it is unaccented and pronounced /tī/ or /tɪ/
aptitude	What is an antonym of this word?	Ex: inability
Atlanta	Is this a noun, verb, or adjective?	noun
Atlanta	How do you know?	Ex: it is the name of a place
buggy	Tap out and say each syllable.	bug-gy
buggy	What sound does "y" make at the end of this word?	/ē/ OR /i/
bypasses	What is the meaning of this word and its opposite?	Ex: definition: to go around; opposite: confronts
bypasses	Use "bypasses" in a sentence.	Student's own response
candidates	What is the vowel sound in the last syllable?	/ā/ OR /eɪ/
candidates	Why don't we hear two vowel sounds in that syllable?	Ex: the e is silent and makes the a say its name
chinchilla	Where would you divide this word into syllables?	chin-chil-la
chinchilla	Why?	Ex: close in the short vowel sounds
chinchilla	Name an open syllable exception and its rule.	Ex: ti in continent; it is unaccented and pronounced /tī/ or /tɪ/
coexist	What does this word mean?	Ex: to exist together
coexist	Name two synonyms.	Ex: cooperate, cohabit
cognizant	What is this word's meaning and its opposite?	Ex: aware of; opposite: unaware
cognizant	Use "cognizant" in a sentence.	Student's own response
communicate	What does this word mean?	Ex: to share or exchange information
communicate	Use this word in a sentence.	Student's own response
complicate	What types of syllables are in this word?	com (closed), pli (open exception), cate (VCE)

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complicate	How do you know?	Ex: by breaking into syllables and looking at vowel-consonant patterns
compliment	What are the vowel sounds in each syllable?	/ɔ̃/ /ĩ/ /ě/ OR /ɒ/ /ɪ/ /ε/
compliment	Are they long or short?	Short (closed syllable, open syllable excpetions, closed syllable)
compliment	What helped you determine this?	Ex: by identifying syllable types, you can determine the vowel sounds.
consonant	What strategy would you use to spell this word?	Ex: segment sounds and match letters to sounds
constitute	Name three closed syllable words.	Ex: cat, hop, set
constitute	Name three V-C-E syllable words.	Ex: make, note, ride
constitute	Name three words with the open syllable exception.	Ex: about, ago, continent
continent	Is this a noun, verb, or adjective?	noun
continent	How do you know?	Ex: it is a thing
continent	Name three continents.	Ex: Asia, Africa, Europe
crazy	Tap out and say each syllable.	cra-zy
crazy	How do you know what sound "y" makes at the end of a word?	When y is at the end of a multisyllabic word, it says /ē/ or /i/
criminals	What sounds does the suffix "s" produce?	/z/ /s/
criminals	Name two words with different suffix "s" sounds.	Ex: cats (/s/), dogs (/z/)
decline	What does this word mean?	Ex: to refuse or decrease
decline	What is its opposite?	Ex: accept or increase
decode	What types of syllables are in this word?	de (open), code (VCE)
decode	Use "decode" in a sentence.	Student's own response
defensive	What does this word mean?	Ex: protective or guarding
defensive	Use it in a sentence.	Student's own response
delete	What does this word mean?	Ex: to remove or erase
delete	What is its opposite?	Ex: add or insert
delete	Use "delete" in a sentence.	Student's own response
delinquent	How many syllable types are in this word, and what are they?	2 types: open, closed, closed
delinquent	What does this word mean?	Ex: a person who fails to do what is required

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deplete	What does this word mean?	Ex: to use up or reduce
deplete	What is a synonym for it?	Ex: drain
descriptive	Say this word without the first syllable.	scriptive
descriptive	Now say the word without the third syllable.	descrip(t)
detaching	Is this a compound word?	No
detaching	How can you tell?	It does not combine two separate words.
detaching	How did the suffix "-ing" change the meaning of the base word?	Ex: it makes it present participle or ongoing
detective	Why does this word have an "e" after the "v"?	Ex: words in English do not end in v.
detective	What is the meaning of this word?	Ex: a person who investigates crimes
develop	Divide this word into syllables, and say each syllable aloud.	de-vel-op
develop	What does this word mean?	Ex: to grow or improve
develop	What is its opposite?	Ex: decline or deteriorate
disrespect	Which rule helps you divide this word into syllables?	Ex: look for prefixes and suffixes; dis-re-spect
documented	Divide this word into syllables, and say each syllable aloud.	doc-u-ment-ed
documented	What does this word mean?	Ex: recorded or written down
documented	What is a synonym for this word?	Ex: noted
eclectic	What is the meaning and the opposite of this word?	Ex: meaning: diverse; opposite: uniform
eliminate	Can you name five animals or foods that begin with the same letter as this word?	Ex: elephant, eel, eggplant, elk, emu
empty	Identify the syllable types in this word.	emp (closed), ty (open)
empty	Use a compound word in a sentence.	Student's own response
envelope	Divide this word into syllables, and say each syllable aloud.	en-ve-lope
envelope	What does this word mean?	Ex: paper cover for letters or documents; cover
equipment	What is a synonym of this word?	Ex: gear
equipment	Use a synonym in a sentence.	Student's own response
evades	Demonstrate your understanding of this word by using it in a sentence.	Student's own response
extra	What types of syllables are in this word?	ex (closed), tra (open exception)

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extra	What is the open syllable exception in this word?	The a; it is unaccented and says /ə/
fabricate	What spelling rules help determine this word's correct spelling?	Ex: use of 'c' before 'a' to keep hard /k/ sound; silent e for final syllable
festival	Say each syllable aloud.	fes-ti-val
festival	What do you want to be when you grow up?	Student's own response.
fibula	How do you know what sound "y" makes at the end of a word?	One-syllable words – The final y usually says /ī / OR /αɪ/. Examples: my, try, cry, fly, shy Two or more syllables – The final y says /ē / OR /i/. Examples: happy, funny, baby, puppy, candy
fibula	If you could choose any superpower, what would it be, and why?	Student's own response
flimsy	Divide this word into syllables, and say each syllable aloud.	flim-sy
flimsy	What five adjectives best describe you?	Student's own response
folly	Identify the syllable types in this word.	fol (closed), ly (open)
folly	Describe a perfect day using five multisyllabic words.	Student's own response
frenzy	Is "y" a vowel or a consonant?	It can be both.
frenzy	When it's a vowel, what sounds does "y" make?	/ī/ /ē/ OR /αɪ/ /i/
frozen	Identify the syllable types in this word.	fro (open), zen (closed)
frozen	Can you name five animals or foods that start with the same letter as this word?	Ex: frog, fox, fig, flounder, fennel
fry	Is "y" a vowel or a consonant?	It can be both.
fry	When it's a vowel, what sounds does "y" make?	/ī/ /ē/ OR /αɪ/ /i/
fumigates	What are the rules for double consonants at the end of one-syllable words?	You double "f", "l", "s", and sometimes "z" at the end of one-syllable words.
gala	What vowel sounds are in this word?	(Pronunciation may vary depending on geographic location) /ă/ /ə/ OR /æ/ /ə/
gala	How does the open syllable exception affect the sound of the second "a"?	It says /ə/ instead of /ā/ OR /eɪ/
galaxy	Say "galaxy" one syllable at a time.	gal-ax-y
galaxy	Now say it without "y".	gal-ax
gutsy	How many syllables does this word have?	2 syllables
gutsy	Explain how to divide this word into syllables.	gut-sy

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hesitate	What vowel sound is the "i" making?	/ə/
hesitate	What does this word mean?	Ex: to pause before doing something
hesitate	Use it in a sentence.	Student's own response
hospital	How many syllables are in this word?	3 syllables
hospital	What sounds make up the second syllable?	/pɪ/ OR /pɪ/
hospital	Use the word in a sentence.	Student's own response
hydrate	Divide this word into syllables.	hy-drate
hydrate	What sounds do the vowels make?	/ɪ/ /ā/ OR /ɑɪ/ / eɪ/
hydrate	How do you know what sound "y" makes in "hydrate"?	Ex: when y is the only vowel in an open syllable it usually says /ɪ/ OR /ɑɪ/.
impolite	Share a proud experience.	Student's own response
impolite	Include three multisyllabic words to describe it.	Student's own response
impromptu	Divide this word into syllables.	im-promp-tu
impromptu	Can you name three other words that have an open syllable where the vowel makes a long sound?	Ex: robot, music, tiger
infantry	Is "y" a vowel or consonant?	It can be both.
infantry	When it's a vowel, what sounds does "y" make?	/ɪ/ /ē/ OR /ɑɪ/ /i/
institutes	What is a blend?	Ex: two or more consonants next to each other in a word that hold their own sounds.
institutes	Identify the blend in this word.	st
institutes	Name 3 vegetables or fruits that start with a blend.	Ex: strawberry, plum, grape
instrument	Divide this word into syllables, and say each syllable aloud.	in-stru-ment
instrument	What does this word mean?	Ex: tool or device for a particular purpose, often associated with music
instrument	Do you play a musical instrument?	Student's own response
isolate	Divide this word into syllables.	i-so-late
isolate	What are the three real words you see?	I, so, late
locomotive	Name three closed syllable words.	Ex: cat, sit, hop
locomotive	Name three V-C-E words.	Ex: make, home, dive
locomotive	Name three words with an open syllable exception.	Ex: amaze, sensitive, substitute, ago

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lucrative	Divide this word into syllables.	lu-cra-tive
lucrative	What sound does the vowel make in the first syllable?	/u:/ as in moon
lucrative	Why does it make that sound?	It's in an open syllable
Madison	Divide this word into syllables, and say each syllable aloud.	Mad-i-son
Madison	Why might this word start with a capital letter?	Ex: it is a proper noun.
mantra	What is the rule for an "a" when it's at the end of a word?	It usually says /ə/
mantra	What type of syllable is it?	Ex: open syllable exception
manuscripts	Where would you divide this word into syllables?	man-u-scripts
migrate	What does this word mean?	Ex: to move from one place to another
migrate	Name one synonym.	Ex: relocate
molecules	What suffix is in this word?	-s
molecules	How does it change the base word's meaning?	Ex: makes it plural
molecules	Use the word in a sentence.	Student's own response
monument	Identify the syllable types that make up this word.	mon (closed), u (open), ment (closed)
monument	What does this word mean?	Ex: a structure honoring a person or event
monument	Use it in a sentence.	Student's own response
mutates	What sound does the vowel make in the first syllable?	/ū/ OR /yu/
mutates	Why does it make this sound?	It's an open syllable.
neglected	Divide this word into syllables, and say each syllable aloud.	ne-glect-ed
neglected	Do you have a favorite book? If so, what is it?	Student's own response
pantry	Name three stores that start with the same letter as this word.	Ex: Publix, Petco, Party City
penny	What sound is the "y" making in this word?	/ē/ OR /i/
penny	What does this word mean?	Ex: a coin worth one cent
penny	What color is a penny?	Ex: brown or copper
plenty	Is "y" a vowel or consonant?	It can be both.

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plenty	Describe the rule for "y" when it's at the end of a word.	One-syllable words – The final y usually says /ī / OR /αɪ/. Examples: my, try, cry, fly, shy Two or more syllables – The final y says /ē / OR /i/. Examples: happy, funny, baby, puppy, candy
pre-establish	Does the vowel "a" say its name?	No
pre-establish	How do you know?	Ex: it is in a closed syllable and says /ă/ OR /æ/
pre-establish	What does this word's prefix mean?	Ex: before
predictive	Say the word without the suffix.	predict
predictive	What does it mean?	Ex: relating to forecasting or predicting
predictive	Use the whole word in a sentence.	Student's own response
progressive	Read the word without its last syllable.	progres(s)
progressive	Use "progress" in a sentence.	Student's own response
prohibitive	Name two V-C-E words.	Ex: make, cube
prohibitive	Name two open syllable exception words.	Ex: about, ago
propels	Why does the "o" say its name in this word?	It is in an open syllable.
propels	How do you know?	The syllable ends in a vowel, making the vowel sound long.
prosecute	How would the "u" sound change if we removed the silent "e" at the end of this word?	It would become /ŭ/ OR /ʌ/ .
reconnect	Are there four vowels in this word?	No
reconnect	Explain.	There are only three vowels.
reconvene	How do you divide this word into syllables?	re-con-vene
reconvene	Name two fruits that start with a two-letter blend.	Ex: grape, plum
recumbent	Say this word without its second syllable.	re-bent
recumbent	What types of syllables are in this word?	re (open), cum (closed), bent (closed)
redistribute	What comes to mind with this word?	Ex: sharing resources again
redistribute	Use it in a sentence.	Student's own response
regulate	What types of syllables are in this word?	reg (closed), u (open), late (VCE)
regulate	How does knowing the type of syllable help you to decode and encode the word?	Ex: it helps determine vowel sounds and spelling patterns.

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reinfecting	How does the suffix "-ing" affect a word's meaning?	Ex: shows continuous action
reinfecting	List three open-syllable words with the suffix "-ing".	Ex: go-ing, fly-ing, be-ing
rejuvenate	How would you spell this word if it were unfamiliar?	Ex: sound it out by syllables: re-ju-ven-ate
rejuvenate	How would you check whether or not you spelled the word correctly?	Ex: ask a teacher, check a dictionary or reliable resource
replica	What are the last two vowel sounds you hear in this word?	/ɪ/ /ə/ OR /ɪ/ /ə/
replica	Why don't they say their names?	Ex: they are in unaccented open syllables.
reprimanded	Where is the open syllable exception in this word?	ri
reprimanded	How did the suffix "-ed" change the meaning of the base word?	Ex: shows past tense
responding	How does the suffix "-ing" alter a word's meaning?	Ex: indicates ongoing action
responding	Name three multisyllabic words ending with the suffix "-ing".	Ex: running, laughing, traveling
restrict	What sound does "ct" make?	/kt/
restrict	What five adjectives would best describe you?	Student's own response
sequels	Divide this word into syllables, and say each syllable aloud.	se-quals
sequels	Select three words to describe fear.	Ex: terrifying, alarming, intense
shanty	What is the rule for reading words ending in "y"?	One-syllable words – The final y usually says /ī / OR /αɪ/. Examples: my, try, cry, fly, shy Two or more syllables – The final y says /ē / OR /i/. Examples: happy, funny, baby, puppy, candy
shy	What vowel sound is the "y" making?	/ī/ OR /αɪ/
shy	How do you know?	Ex: it is at the end of a one syllable word.
shy	Use the antonym of this word in a sentence.	Student's own response
stamina	What are the open syllable exceptions in this word?	mi and na
stamina	How do you know?	Ex: they are in unaccented open syllables, so the vowels don't say their names.
stamina	What does this word mean?	Ex: endurance or lasting strength

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stigma	What vowel sound do you hear in the open syllable?	/ə/
stigma	Why does it make that sound?	Ex: it is in an unaccented open syllable.
stimulate	If we close the open syllable in this word by adding a consonant "g", how does the vowel sound change?	Ex: it would change from long (/ū/ OR /yu/) to short (/ŭ/ OR /ʌ/)
stimulate	Say the new word.	stimuglate
stimulus	Select a compound word, and use it in a sentence.	Student's own response
stipulate	What vowel is in the open syllable?	u
stipulate	What two sounds does this letter make in open syllables?	/ū/, /ōo/ OR /yu/, /u:/
substitute	Have you heard this word before?	Student's own response
substitute	Where might you hear it outside of school?	Ex: in sports or workplaces
succulent	How many syllable types are in this word?	2: closed and open
succulent	Say this word without the first syllable.	culent
vacant	Identify the syllable types in this word.	va (open), cant (closed)
vacant	What spelling skill or strategy helps you spell this word?	Ex: recognize open and closed syllables
ventilate	Identify the syllable types in this word.	ven (closed), ti (open exception), late (VCE)
ventilate	Describe your perfect day using five multisyllabic words that have at least one open syllable.	Student's own response