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Stimulus Word	Question	Answer
absconder	Explain how to divide this word into syllables.	ab-scon-der
absconder	Name three words with two suffixes.	Ex: hopelessness, fearlessly, kindnesses
absolutely	How many syllables are in this word?	4 syllables
absolutely	Name the syllable types and the suffix.	ab- (closed), so- (open), lute- (VCE), ly (suffix/open)
accomplishments	What vowel sound is in the first syllable?	/ə/
accomplishments	Is it long or short?	Short
accomplishments	How can you tell?	Ex: it doesn't say its name.
admonished	Name three syllable types with exceptions and their rules.	Ex: closed exception vowels say their names (wild, old); open exceptions vowels say schwa (above, ago); VCE exception vowel says short sound (active, give)
aggressiveness	How many syllables are in this word?	Four
aggressiveness	How many suffixes does it have?	2 suffixes
assemble	Identify the sounds in the first and last syllables.	First: /əs/, Last: /bəl/
assemble	What type of syllable is the final syllable?	Consonant-le syllable
assemble	Tell me about a time you felt proud. Use at least three multisyllabic words to describe it.	Student's own response
astonishment	Divide this word into syllables, and say each syllable aloud.	as-ton-ish-ment
barehandedness	If you remove the last syllable, what word is left?	barehanded
befuddle	Say each syllable, and identify each syllable type.	be- (open), fud- (closed), dle (consonant-le)
befuddle	What does the consonant-le syllable sound like?	/dəl/
belonged	How many sounds does "-ed" make?	three
belonged	List them.	/d/, /t/, /ěd/ OR /ɪd/
buckle	Identify the types of syllables.	buck- (closed), le (consonant-le)
buckle	Name three words ending in consonant-le.	Ex: jungle, handle, circle
bugle	Break this word into two syllables.	bu- gle
bugle	Identify the types of syllables.	bu- (open), gle (consonant-le)
bungle	What would the new word be if we removed the consonant-le ending?	bun

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bustle	How do you pronounce a consonant-le exception?	/səl/
bustle	Does the vowel always make a long or short sound?	Short
buttressed	Replace the whole first syllable with the letter "s".	stressed
buttressed	What is the new word, and what does it mean?	Stressed meaning experiencing strain or pressure
bypassed	Remove the first syllable, and read the word.	passed
bypassed	What sound does "-ed" make in this word?	/t/
capable	What does this word mean?	Ex: having ability or skill
capable	What is the opposite of this word?	Ex: incapable; not able
castle	Where would you split this word into syllables?	cas-tle
castle	Why?	Ex: split before consonant-le
castle	What sound does the vowel make in a consonant-le syllable exception?	Short vowel sound
channeled	Can you name five animals or foods that start with the same letter as this word?	Ex: chicken, cheetah, cherries, chips, chocolate, cat, corn
chanted	What does this word mean?	Ex: to sing or say in a rhythmic way
chanted	What other words are similar in meaning (synonyms)?	Ex: sang, intoned, recited, repeated
chuckle	What sound do you hear at the end of this word because of the consonant-le syllable?	/əl/
clasped	Identify all the sounds that make up this word.	/k/, /l/, /ă/, /s/, /p/, /t/ OR /k/, /l/, /æ/, /s/, /p/, /t/
cohabitate	Tap out each syllable in this word.	co-hab-i-tate
cohabitate	Identify the types of syllables that make up this word.	co- (open), hab- (closed), i- (open exception), tate (VCE)
comingle	Say the word without the consonant-le syllable.	comin
comingle	Now say the word without the prefix.	mingle
constables	What would you listen for first if you had to spell this word?	Ex: initial sound /k/ then vowel sounds
constables	What would come next?	Ex: on, st, a, ble, s
constables	What suffix do you see in this word?	-s

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constructiveness	Divide the word into syllables.	con-struc-tive-ness
constructiveness	Explain why you divide it the way you do.	Ex: by prefix, root, and suffixes
convicted	What is the opposite of this word?	Ex: acquitted, proven innocent
convicted	Use "convicted" in a sentence.	Student's own response
demanded	Name the three sounds that "-ed" makes.	/d/, /t/, /ěd/ OR /ɪd/
demanded	When does "-ed" make the /ɪd/ sound?	Ex: after t or d
dependable	What is the root of this word?	depend
dependable	What does the suffix mean?	Ex: able to
dependable	What does "dependable" mean?	Ex: reliable or trustworthy
difficulty	How can breaking words into parts help you spell it correctly?	Ex: shortened chunks are most accessible; helps hear each syllable clearly
difficulty	What is something that's difficult for you, and how do you handle it?	Student's own response
disenchancing	Identify the second syllable.	en
disenchancing	Identify the last syllable.	ing
disenchancing	Identify the first syllable.	dis
disgruntled	What does the prefix mean?	Ex: not or opposite of
disgruntled	How does it change the meaning of "gruntle"?	Ex: turns from content to dissatisfied
disgruntled	Use "disgruntled" in a sentence.	Student's own response
dismantles	Divide the word into syllables.	dis-man-tles
dismantles	Explain why you divide it the way you do.	Ex: by prefix, root, consonant-le ending
disrespectfully	Remove the prefix and suffixes. What word is left?	respect
disrespectfully	What is the meaning of the word that is left?	Ex: to show regard or esteem
distinctively	Name the two suffixes.	-ive, -ly
distinctively	Explain the meaning of the word.	Ex: in a way that is clearly different
distinctively	Use "distinctively" in a sentence.	Student's own response
drizzle	What does the consonant-le syllable sound like?	/zəl/
drizzle	If you could have any superpower, what would it be, and why?	Student's own response
dwindle	Divide this word into syllables.	dwin-dle
dwindle	Identify each syllable type.	dwin- (closed), dle (consonant-le)

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egressed	Even if you don't know this word, can you tell if it's in past, present, or future tense?	Yes
egressed	How?	It's past tense because of the suffix "-ed".
embattle	What spelling rules will help you spell this word correctly?	Ex: double consonant before -le to keep the vowel short, prefix em
embattle	What five adjectives best describe you?	Student's own response
embezzle	What spelling rules will help you spell this word correctly?	Ex: double consonant to keep the vowel short, consonant-le ending; prefix em
enshrinements	Identify the prefix.	en
enshrinements	Identify the base word.	shrine
enshrinements	Identify the suffixes.	-ment, -s
enshrinements	Identify the types of syllables.	en- (closed), shrine (VCE), ments (closed)
entirety	Divide this word into syllables.	en-tire-ty
entirety	Identify each syllable type.	en- (closed), tire (VCE), ty (open/suffix)
entitlement	Divide this word into syllables.	en-ti-tle-ment
entitlement	Identify each syllable type.	en- (closed), ti- (open), tle (consonant-le), ment (closed)
entrenched	How would you divide this word into syllables?	en-trenched
entrenched	Why?	Ex: prefix en-, root/suffix entrenched
entrenched	What is the meaning of this word?	Ex: firmly established
entrenched	Use it in a sentence.	Student's own response
entwinements	Divide this word into syllables.	en-twine-ments
entwinements	Say each syllable aloud.	en, twine, ments
epistle	Identify the type of syllable exception in this word.	Consonant-le exception (silent t)
epistle	What are the vowel sounds in this word?	/ĕ/ /ĭ/ OR /ɛ/ /ɪ/
example	Divide this word into syllables.	ex-am-ple
example	Say each syllable aloud.	ex, am, ple
example	What does this word mean?	Ex: representative case or instance
example	Use "example" in a sentence.	Student's own response
extended	Name the three sounds that "-ed" makes.	/d/, /t/, /ĕd/ OR /ɪd/
extended	Use this word in a sentence that shows you understand what it means.	Student's own response

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fizzle	Name the two types of syllables that make up this word.	fiz- (closed), zle (consonant-le)
fizzle	Use this word in a sentence.	Student's own response
freckle	How would you divide this word into syllables?	freck-le
freckle	Why?	Ex: divide after digraph and before -le
freckle	Use this word in a sentence that shows you understand the word's meaning.	Student's own response
frequented	Name four vowel suffixes.	-ing, -ed, -er, -est
frequented	Name four consonant suffixes.	-s, -ly, -ness, -ful
frequented	Why is there a "u" beside the "q"?	Ex: English spelling rule: "q" is always followed by "u"
freshen	If you had the ability to turn into one animal whenever you wanted, what animal would you want to become? Why?	Student's own response
funneled	Divide this word into syllables.	fun-neled
funneled	Say each syllable aloud.	fun, neled
funneled	What is the best gift you've ever been given?	Student's own response
gossiped	How would you divide this word into syllables?	gos-siped
gossiped	Why?	Ex: divide between double consonants
gossiped	What five adjectives best describe you?	Student's own response
gristle	Identify the type of syllable exception in this word.	Consonant-le exception (silent t)
gristle	Can you describe your perfect day using only five multisyllabic words?	Student's own response
grumble	Identify the types of syllables in this word.	grum- (closed), ble (consonant-le)
grumble	Can you name five animals or foods that start with the same letter as this word?	Ex: grapes, gorilla, goose, guava, granola
guzzle	Identify each syllable type in this word.	guz (closed) zle (consonant-le)
guzzle	Tell me about a time you felt proud. Use at least three multisyllabic words to describe it.	Student's own response
humaneness	If you remove the suffix, what word is left?	humane
humaneness	What is the meaning of the whole word?	Ex: quality of being compassionate or kind

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hustle	Divide this word into syllables.	hus-tle
hustle	Why is the "e" in "hustle" silent?	Ex: the final e in a consonant-le syllable is silent
inedible	How would you divide this word into syllables?	in-ed-i-ble
inedible	Why?	Ex: divide by prefix, root, consonant-le, suffix
inedible	How does the prefix change the meaning of the base word?	Ex: turns it into its opposite
inexpressively	Which vowel sound do you hear in each syllable?	/ɪ/ /ě/ /ě/ /ɪ/ /ē/ OR /ɪ/ /ɛ/ /ɛ/ /ɪ/ / i/
inexpressively	How do you know if the vowel sound is short, long, or schwa?	Ex: by syllable type and position
inhabited	Divide this word into syllables.	in-hab-it-ed
inhabited	Say each syllable aloud.	in, hab, it, ed
inhabited	Name the three sounds that "-ed" makes.	/d/, /t/, /ě/ OR /ɪd/
jostle	Say the sounds that make up each syllable.	/jɔs/ /əl/ (silent t) OR /jɒs/ /əl/
jostle	Why is the "e" in "jostle" silent?	Ex: the final e in a consonant-le syllable is silent
lavished	Divide this word into syllables.	lav-ished
lavished	What are the sounds in each syllable?	/lăv/ /ɪsht/ OR /læv/ /ɪft/
limitless	Divide the word into syllables.	lim-it-less
limitless	Say each syllable aloud.	lim, it, less
lumpy	Divide this word into syllables.	lump-y
lumpy	Say each syllable aloud.	lump, y
lumpy	Use the word in a sentence.	Student's own response
mandible	Identify the syllable types in the first and last syllables.	man- (closed), ble (consonant-le)
mandible	What does the consonant-le syllable sound like?	/bəl/
mishandle	Divide this word into syllables.	mis-han-dle
mishandle	What type of syllables do you see?	mis- (closed), han- (closed), dle (consonant-le)
neglectfully	Name four vowel suffixes.	Ex: -ing, -ed, -er, -est
neglectfully	Name four consonant suffixes.	Ex: -s, -ly, -ness, -ful
nestle	Divide this word into syllables.	nes-tle

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nestle	Say each syllable aloud.	nes, tle (silent t)
nestle	Why is the second "e" in "nestle" silent?	Ex: the final e in a consonant-le syllable is silent
nonrefundable	Name the middle (third) syllable.	fund
nonrefundable	Name the last syllable.	ble
nonrefundable	Name the first syllable.	non
obstacle	If you remove the consonant-le syllable, how does the word sound different?	Ex: obsta; does not sound like a real word
palpable	If we take off the first syllable, what word is left?	pable
palpable	Does that still sound like a real word?	No
pestle	Divide this word into syllables.	pes-tle
pestle	Say each syllable aloud.	pes, tle (silent t)
pestle	Why is the second "e" in "pestle" silent?	Ex: the final e in a consonant-le syllable is silent
possible	Tap out the sounds in each syllable in this word.	/p/ /ɒ/ /s/ /l/ /bəl/ OR /p/ /p/ /s/ /l/ /bəl/
possible	How many syllables are there?	3 syllables
postponements	Where would you split this word into syllables?	post-pone-ments
postponements	Why?	Ex: by prefix, root, suffix
potentness	Divide this word into syllables.	po-tent-ness
potentness	Say each syllable aloud.	po, tent, ness
potentness	What does this word mean?	Ex: the quality of being powerful or effective
predictable	What is the root word?	dict
predictable	Use the same root to make a different word.	Ex: dictionary, contradict, edict
preestablished	What does this word mean?	Ex: already set or fixed before
preestablished	What other words are similar in meaning (synonyms)?	Ex: prearranged, predetermined
pulpy	Where do you divide this word into syllables?	pulp-y
pulpy	What does the "y" say in this word?	/ē/ OR /i/
quelled	What is the base word?	quell
quelled	Name the three sounds that "-ed" makes.	/d/, /t/, /ěd/ OR /ɪd/

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quibble	What types of syllables do you see in this word?	quib- (closed), ble (consonant-le)
quibble	How do you know?	Ex: quib- short vowel closed in by a consonant, ble consonant-le
quibble	Why is there a "u" beside the "q"?	Ex: in English, "q" is always followed by "u".
quicken	Are there three active vowels in this word?	No
quicken	Explain.	Ex: the u is glued to the q and isn't considered a vowel sound.
quicken	Name three words with the suffix "-en".	Ex: harden, fasten, deepen
quickest	What is the meaning of the base word?	Ex: fast
quickest	How did the suffix change the meaning of the base word?	Ex: turns it into superlative: most fast
reassemble	If you had to write this word without seeing it first, what would you listen for first?	Ex: prefix "re"
reassemble	What would come next?	Ex: assemble sounds: a, s, s, e,m, ble
reassessments	What is the meaning of the prefix?	Ex: again
reassessments	How does it help you to understand the meaning of the word?	Ex: it shows reviewing or evaluating again.
reassessments	Use the word in a sentence.	Student's own response
recommended	Say this word without the suffix.	recommend
recommended	Now say it again without the first syllable.	ommended
rectangles	Divide this word into syllables.	rec-tan-gles
rectangles	What does the consonant-le syllable sound like?	/gəlz/
regretfully	Can you break this word into parts?	re-gret-ful-ly
regretfully	What does each part mean?	Ex: re (again), gret (regret), ful (full of), ly (in a manner)
reinvestments	How do the affixes and base word help you to unlock the meaning of this word?	Ex: prefix re- (again), invest (put in), ments (acts or results)
relinquished	What does the suffix in this word tell you about the word's tense?	It's past tense.
reluctantly	If you didn't know this word, how would you break apart the word to try to read it?	re-luc-tant-ly
reluctantly	Use "reluctantly" in a sentence.	Student's own response
reoffenders	Are there prefixes, suffixes, or both in this word?	Both

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reoffenders	What do they tell us about the word's meaning?	Ex: re (again), er (person who), s (plural)
resemble	How would you use this word in your own sentence to show you understand what it means?	Student's own response
rustle	What is a syllable exception?	Ex: a syllable pattern that does not follow typical rules.
rustle	Name four types of syllables and their exceptions.	Ex: closed (wild, old), open (schwa vowel: ago), VCE (give, active), consonant-le (silent t: castle)
samples	What does this word mean?	Ex: small parts or pieces representing a whole
samples	Can it be used as both a verb and a noun?	Yes
samples	Prove your thinking.	Ex: as a verb: "She samples the food." As a noun: "They gave free samples."
scribble	What does the consonant-le syllable sound like?	/bəl/
scribble	What does this word mean?	Ex: to write quickly and carelessly
scribble	Use this word in a sentence.	Student's own response
simple	Can you name five animals or foods that start with the same letter as this word?	Ex: snake, strawberry, salmon, spinach, squid
sniffle	Why do we double the consonant before the consonant-le in some words?	Ex: to protect the short vowel sound
spectacle	Explain how spelling rules help you read this word.	Ex: close in short vowel sounds; spect-root meaning look, consonant-le ending pronounced /kəl/
sprinkle	What spelling rules or patterns help you figure out how to spell this word correctly?	Ex: nk pattern, consonant-le ending
stackable	Can you divide this word into syllables using spelling rules?	Ex: stack-a-ble
stackable	Where would you split it, and why?	Ex: after root stack and before suffix; stack-a-ble
struggle	If you were stranded some place for a year with only one food, where would you want to be, and what would you want to eat?	Student's own response
temples	Name two words with a consonant-le syllable at the end.	Ex: sample, jungle
temples	What sounds do the consonant-le syllables make in the words you thought of?	Ex: /pəl/ /gəl/

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tentacle	Explain how spelling rules help you read this word.	Ex: close in short vowels; tent- root, consonant-le ending pronounced /kəl/
tentacle	Use this word in a sentence.	Student's own response
thimble	Tap out the sounds in each syllable in this word.	/th/ /ɪ / /m/ /bəl/ OR /ə/ /ɪ/ /m/ /bəl/
thimble	Can you describe your perfect day using only five multisyllabic words?	Student's own response
title	Divide the word into syllables.	ti-tle
title	Explain why you divide it the way you do.	Ex: divide before consonant-le
tremble	What does this word mean?	Ex: to shake or quiver
tremble	What is a synonym of this word?	Ex: shake
trestle	How would you divide this word into syllables?	tres-tle
trestle	Why?	Ex: close in short vowel sound, divide before consonant-le
trestle	Why is the final "e" silent?	Ex: the final e in a consonant-le syllable is silent
unscramble	List three words with a consonant-le syllable that don't have a double consonant before it.	Ex: table, fable, cable
vehicle	Divide this word into syllables.	ve-hi-cle
vehicle	Say each syllable aloud.	ve, hi, cle