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Stimulus Word	Question	Answer
admiral	Does this word contain an r-controlled syllable? If so, identify it, and explain why it's an r-controlled syllable.	The second syllable (mir) is r-controlled because the r changes the sound of the i.
affordable	What is the base word?	afford
affordable	How does the suffix alter its meaning?	The suffix -able means capable of, making the definition: able to be afforded.
ambassador	What is the role of an ambassador?	Ex: an ambassador represents a country or organization in another country.
apparatus	Use this word in a sentence.	Student's own response
apparel	Divide this word into syllables.	ap-par-el
apparel	Say each syllable aloud.	ap-par-el
Arctic	Identify the r-controlled syllable.	Arc
Arctic	Describe its sound.	Ex: ar makes the /ɑr/ sound; the syllable says /ark/
arithmetic	What is the root word?	arithmos
arithmetic	How does the suffix relate to its meaning?	Ex: the suffix -etic forms an adjective
aromatic	What does this word mean?	Ex: having a strong smell
aromatic	How does the suffix "-ic" contribute to its meaning?	Ex:-ic means related to
astrometry	Identify the prefix.	astro
astrometry	Identify the suffix.	-metry
astrometry	Explain their meanings.	Astro- means stars; -metry means measurement.
bachelor	What does this word mean?	Ex: unmarried man
bachelor	Use it in a sentence.	Student's own response
barricade	Divide this word into syllables.	bar-ri-cade
barricade	Say each syllable aloud.	bar-ri-cade
barricade	Are there any syllable exceptions in this word?	ri
benefactors	What does this word mean?	Ex: people who give help/money
benefactors	How does the prefix contribute to this word's meaning?	Ex: prefix bene- means good or well.
blizzards	How many syllables are in this word?	2
blizzards	Which syllable contains the r-controlled vowel?	Second syllable: zards

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candor	What does this word mean?	Ex: honesty
candor	Name an antonym.	Ex: deceit, dishonesty
capsular	What does this word mean?	Ex: relating to a capsule or tube-like structure
capsular	How do the word parts help you know its meaning?	Capsul = capsule, -ar = relating to
charting	Identify the r-controlled syllable.	chart
charting	Describe its sound.	Ex: student correctly says the full syllable
circumscribe	What does the prefix "circum-" mean?	Ex: around
circumscribe	How does it affect the word's meaning?	Ex: it makes the word mean draw around or enclose.
circumvent	What does this word mean?	Ex: to go around or avoid
circumvent	How does the prefix contribute to the word's meaning?	Ex: circum- means around; the whole word means go around.
clarifications	How might you use this word during a discussion?	Student's own response
confirmation	Identify the base word.	confirm
confirmation	Explain how the suffix modifies its meaning.	Ex: -ation turns it into a noun meaning act of confirming.
confirming	What base word and suffix make up this word?	confirm; -ing
confirming	How do they contribute to the meaning?	Ex: -ing makes it mean to establishing the truth
conform	Does this word contain a prefix?	Yes, con
conform	Does this word contain a suffix?	No
conform	Explain how the base word's definition changes with the affix.	Ex: base word (form) means shape; with con- it means to shape together or comply.
conserve	What does this word mean?	Ex: to save or protect
conserve	What is the prefix telling us about the action?	Ex: con- suggests together or thoroughly
cucumber	Divide this word into syllables.	cu-cum-ber
cucumber	Say each syllable aloud.	cu-cum-ber
curriculum	What does this word mean?	Ex: a set of courses or study plan
curriculum	Use it in a sentence.	Student's own response
curry	Name two definitions for this word.	Ex: a spiced dish; a spice; to groom a horse
curry	Have you ever tasted curry before?	Student's own response

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curve	How does the root of this word help you know its definition?	Ex: curv means bent or curved.
disturbing	What is the base word in this word?	disturb
disturbing	How does the suffix change the meaning?	Ex: -ing makes it an adjective describing ongoing action.
divisor	What does the suffix "-or" tell us about this word's role?	Ex: indicates a person or thing that divides
doctor	Break down "doctor" into the root.	doct (teach)
doctor	Break down "doctor" into the suffix.	-or
doctor	Explain their meanings.	Ex: doct means teach; -or means one who
duration	How does the suffix "-tion" affect the meaning of the root word?	Ex: -tion makes it a noun meaning the act or state of lasting.
embarrassment	What is the base word?	embarrass
embarrassment	How does the prefix "em-" affect its meaning?	Ex: em- intensifies or causes.
embarrassment	How does the suffix "-ment" affect its meaning?	Ex:-ment turns it into a noun meaning the state or result.
enamor	Use this word in a sentence.	Student's own response
enamor	Explain how the prefix "en-" changes the meaning.	Ex: en- means to cause to be in a state of.
endorse	What does this word mean?	Ex: to support or approve.
endorse	Use it in a sentence.	Student's own response
energy	Divide this word into syllables.	en-er-gy
energy	Say each syllable aloud.	en-er-gy
energy	Use this word in a sentence.	Student's own response
exemplar	What does this word mean?	Ex: a model or example
exemplar	Have you ever done an exemplar in math class?	Student's own response
exploration	What does this word mean?	Ex: the act of exploring (travel through to learn about something)
exploration	How does the suffix "-tion" modify the base word?	Ex: -tion turns it into a noun indicating action or process.
firm	Give two definitions for this word.	Ex: solid; a business
firm	Use this word two different ways in two different sentences.	Student's own response
garnish	What does this word mean as a noun?	Ex: a decoration on food
garnish	What does this word mean as a verb?	Ex: to decorate or add to

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general	Identify the root word.	gene (kind or type)
general	Give at least two definitions for "general".	Ex: widespread; a military rank
globular	What does the suffix "-ular" mean?	Ex: relating to
globular	How does it modify the word "globe"?	Ex: makes it mean spherical or globe-shaped
granularly	Divide this word into syllables.	gran-u-lar-ly
granularly	Say each syllable aloud.	gran-u-lar-ly
granularly	How does the suffix "-ly" affect the meaning of the word?	Ex: turns it into an adverb meaning in a granular way
harmony	Use this word in a sentence to show how it means agreement or balance.	Student's own response
Harrison	Divide this word into syllables.	Har-ri-son
Harrison	Say each syllable aloud.	Har-ri-son
Harrison	What kind of noun is this word?	Ex: proper noun
Harrison	How do you know?	Ex: it is capitalized.
hazards	How does the suffix affect the meaning of the base word?	Ex: -s makes it plural, meaning multiple dangers
herringbone	Divide this word into syllables.	her-ring-bone
herringbone	Say each syllable aloud.	her-ring-bone
herringbone	What does this word mean?	Ex: a pattern resembling fish bones, often in fabric or flooring
hurricane	Divide this word into syllables.	hur-ri-cane
hurricane	Say each syllable aloud.	hur-ri-cane
hurricane	What does this word mean?	Ex: a strong storm with heavy rain and wind
hurting	What is the base word?	hurt
hurting	How does the suffix change its meaning?	Ex: -ing makes it describe ongoing action.
imposters	What does this word mean?	Ex: people who pretend to be someone else
imposters	How does the suffix "-er" contribute to the meaning?	Ex: -er indicates a person who performs an action.
inquisitor	Can you name two states that start with the same letter as this word?	Ex: Indiana, Illinois
intercede	What does the prefix "inter-" mean?	Between or among
intercede	How does it affect the meaning of the root?	Ex:makes it mean to step in between to help or mediate.
intercept	Identify the prefix.	inter-

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intercept	Explain how it affects the meaning of the root word.	Ex: makes it mean to stop or seize something before it reaches its destination.
interject	Use this word in a sentence.	Student's own response
interject	Explain how the prefix "inter-" modifies the word's meaning.	Ex: it makes it mean to throw between or interrupt.
interrogation	What does this word mean?	Ex: formal or intense questioning.
interrogation	Who might have to go through an interrogation?	Ex: suspect or witness
intersecting	Identify the suffix.	-ing
intersecting	Explain how it affects the meaning of the base word.	Ex: it shows ongoing action or state of intersecting.
interstellar	What do the prefix "inter-" and the suffix "-ar" tell you about "interstellar"?	Ex: inter- means between; -ar relates to; together the word means between stars
inverted	What does the prefix "in-" mean?	Ex: not or into
inverted	How does it change the word's meaning?	Ex: it makes it mean turned inward or upside down.
jargon	What does this word mean?	Ex: special language used by a particular group.
jargon	Use it in a sentence.	Student's own response
lantern	Divide this word into syllables.	lan-tern
lantern	Say each syllable aloud.	lan-tern
lantern	Name a place where you have seen or could see a lantern.	Student's own response
marathon	What does this word mean?	Ex: long-distance race or long-lasting event
marathon	Can it be used to describe something other than a race?	Ex: it can describe any long or challenging activity
marinara	Use this word in a sentence.	Student's own response
maritime	How does the prefix "mar-" relate to the word's meaning?	Ex: mar- means sea, so maritime relates to the sea.
market	Define this word as a noun.	Ex: place where goods are bought and sold
market	Define this word as a verb.	Ex: to promote or sell goods or services
memory	What is the root word?	memor
memory	How does the suffix "-y" change its meaning?	Ex: -y turns it into a noun meaning the state or quality of remembering.
microphotometry	What affixes are in this word?	Prefix: micro-; suffix: -metry

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microphotometry	How do they affect its meaning?	Ex: micro- means small; -metry means measurement; microphotometry means measurement using small photos
monitors	What is the base word?	monitor
monitors	How does the suffix contribute to this word's meaning?	Ex: -s makes it plural, indicating more than one monitor
non-curricular	What does the prefix "non-" mean in "non-curricular"?	Not
non-curricular	How does it change the base word's meaning?	Ex: it makes it mean not related to the curriculum.
non-member	How does the prefix change the meaning of the base word?	Ex: it makes it mean someone who is not a member.
orchard	Divide this word into syllables.	or-chard
orchard	Say each syllable aloud.	or-chard
orchard	What does this word mean?	Ex: place where fruit trees are grown
organization	How does the suffix "-ation" alter the base word's definition?	Ex: it turns it into a noun meaning the act or result of organizing.
origin	What does this word mean?	Ex: starting point or beginning of something
origin	How does the suffix "-in" indicate the starting point?	It does not act as a typical suffix here; origin as a whole means starting point.
overexcite	Use this word in a sentence.	Student's own response
overexcite	Explain the meaning of the prefix.	Ex: over- means too much or excessively.
overwhelm	What does this word mean?	Ex: to overpower or deeply affect emotionally
overwhelm	How does the prefix change the meaning of the base word?	Ex: over- suggests too much or completely.
panther	Divide this word into syllables.	pan-ther
panther	Say each syllable aloud.	pan-ther
panther	What is a panther?	Ex: large wild cat
paraglides	What is the base word?	glide
paraglides	How does the prefix modify the meaning of the base word?	Ex: para- means alongside or related to, indicating gliding with a parachute-like setup.
paragraphs	Divide this word into syllables.	par-a-graphs
paragraphs	Say each syllable aloud.	par-a-graphs
paramedics	How do the prefix "para-" and the suffix "-ics" contribute to the meaning of this word?	Ex: para- means alongside; -ics relates to fields of study; paramedics means medical workers who assist doctors

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paraphrase	What does this word mean?	Ex: to restate something in your own words
paraphrase	How does the prefix affect its meaning?	Ex: para- means beside, indicating saying beside or alongside the original words
parishes	Identify the suffix.	-es
parishes	Explain how it changes the meaning of the base word.	Ex: makes it plural, meaning more than one parish
participation	What does the suffix "-ation" tell us about the action?	Ex: it turns it into a noun meaning the act or process of participating.
perfume	Divide this word into syllables.	per-fume
perfume	Say each syllable aloud.	per-fume
perfume	Do you know anyone who uses perfume?	Student's own response
perished	What is the base word?	perish
perished	How does the suffix change its meaning?	Ex:-ed indicates past tense action
perplexed	Use this word in a sentence.	Student's own response
perplexed	Explain how the suffix changes the meaning of the base word.	Ex: -ed shows that someone is in a state of being baffled/perplexed
photometer	How do the parts of this word help you determine the word's meaning?	Ex: photo means light; meter means measure; photometer means an instrument for measuring light
photometry	What affixes are in this word?	Prefix: photo-; suffix: -metry
photometry	How do they affect its meaning?	Ex: photo- means light; -metry means measurement; photometry means measuring light
porches	Identify the suffix.	-es
porches	Explain how it changes the meaning of the base word.	Ex: it makes it plural, meaning more than one porch
porcupine	Divide this word into syllables.	por-cu-pine
porcupine	Say each syllable aloud.	por-cu-pine
porcupine	Give three adjectives to describe a porcupine.	Ex: spiky, shy, defensive
preserve	Use this word in a sentence.	Student's own response
preserve	Explain how the prefix modifies its meaning.	Ex: pre- means before; in preserve, it suggests keeping something safe ahead of time
register	Divide this word into syllables.	reg-is-ter
register	Say each syllable aloud.	reg-is-ter
register	Define this word as a noun.	Ex: an official list or record

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register	Define this word as a verb.	Ex: to record or enroll formally
remorseful	What is the base word?	remorse
remorseful	How do the prefix "re-" and the suffix "-ful" modify the root word's meaning?	Ex: re- suggests back; -ful means full of; remorseful means full of regret.
rumored	What does the suffix tell us about the action in this word?	Ex: -ed indicates past tense, meaning it happened before
scabbard	Divide this word into syllables.	scab-bard
scabbard	Say each syllable aloud.	scab-bard
scabbard	What does this word mean?	Ex: sheath for a sword or dagger
singularly	How does the suffix "-ly" change the meaning of the base word?	Ex: turns it into an adverb meaning in a singular way.
skirmishes	What is the suffix?	-es
skirmishes	How does it change the meaning of the base word?	Ex: makes it plural, meaning more than one skirmish
skirmishes	What does this word mean?	Ex: small or brief fights or battles
spherometer	Tell me about a time you felt proud. Use at least three multisyllabic words to describe it.	Student's own response
squirting	What is the base word?	squirt
squirting	How does the suffix change the meaning of the base word?	Ex: -ing shows ongoing or current action.
staggered	How does the suffix "-ed" change this word's meaning?	Ex: it indicates past tense or a completed action
staggered	Name the three sounds that "-ed" makes as a suffix.	/t/, /d/, /ɪd/
standard	Divide this word into syllables.	stan-dard
standard	Say each syllable aloud.	stan-dard
standard	Use this word in a sentence.	Student's own response
supportive	Use this word in a sentence.	Student's own response
supportive	Explain how the suffix "-ive" changes the meaning of the base word.	Ex: -ive turns it into an adjective meaning having the quality of supporting.
surgery	Identify the root word.	surge
surgery	Explain how the suffix "-ery" modifies its meaning.	Ex: -ery turns it into a noun meaning practice or place of operation.
surplus	Divide this word into syllables.	sur-plus
surplus	Say each syllable aloud.	sur-plus
surplus	What does the prefix mean?	Ex: over or above

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surrendered	What does the suffix "-ed" tell us about the action?	Ex: indicates past tense, action completed
swerve	Use this word in a sentence.	Student's own response
swerve	Name two words that rhyme with "swerve".	Ex: nerve, curve
thermometer	Divide this word into syllables.	ther-mom-e-ter
thermometer	What does "thermo-" mean?	Heat
thermometer	What does "-meter" mean?	Measure
thermoscope	What does the suffix "-scope" tell us about a thermoscope's function?	Ex: it means an instrument for viewing or observing heat.
thermosphere	Divide this word into syllables.	ther-mo-sphere
thermosphere	Say each syllable aloud.	ther-mo-sphere
thermosphere	What does this word mean?	Ex: layer of Earth's atmosphere characterized by high temperatures
tormenting	What does this word mean?	Ex: causing severe physical or mental suffering
tormenting	How does the suffix alter the meaning of the base word?	Ex: -ing indicates ongoing action
underestimated	What is the base word in "underestimated"?	estimate
underestimated	How does the prefix "under-" modify its meaning?	Ex: it makes it mean to estimate too low.
unsavory	What does the prefix tell us about the word's meaning?	Ex: un- means not, so not pleasant or not agreeable
varnish	Use this word in a sentence.	Student's own response
varnish	Name a profession that might often use varnish.	Ex: carpenter
vernacular	Divide this word into syllables.	ver-nac-u-lar
vernacular	Say each syllable aloud.	ver-nac-u-lar
vernacular	What does this word mean?	Ex: the everyday language spoken by ordinary people
vulgar	What does this word mean?	Ex: lacking sophistication or good taste; coarse
vulgar	Name two antonyms of "vulgar".	Ex: refined, polite