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Stimulus Word	Question	Answer
acoustic	What sound does "ou" make in this word?	Ex: /oo/ sound as in food
acoustic	Can you name another word where "ou" makes the same sound?	Ex: youth, group, routine
acquainted	Divide this word into syllables.	ac-quaint-ed
acquainted	Say each syllable aloud.	Student's own response
acquainted	What sound does the suffix make?	/id/ OR /ěd/
acquainted	What does the whole word mean?	Ex: familiar with or known to someone
afloat	What sound does "oa" make?	/ō/
afloat	Name the syllable exception in this word.	Ex: the first syllable (a) is open and carries a schwa sound.
afloat	Use "afloat" in a sentence.	Student's own response
applaud	What sound does "au" produce?	/aw/
applaud	How many syllables are in "applaud"?	2
applaud	Define it.	Ex: to show approval by clapping
applaud	Use it in a sentence.	Student's own response
argue	What sound does "ue" make in this word?	/yoo/
argue	What other vowel team makes the same sound?	ew
argue	What is the opposite of "argue"?	Ex: agree
astounding	Divide this word into syllables.	as-tound-ing
astounding	Say each syllable aloud.	as-tound-ing
astronaut	Divide this word into syllables.	as-tro-naut
astronaut	Say each syllable aloud.	as-tro-naut
astronaut	Name another vowel team that makes the same sound as "au".	aw
attorney	What sound does "ey" make?	/ē/
attorney	Name two vowel teams that make the same sound as "ey" in "attorney".	ee and ea
attorney	Use "attorney" in a sentence.	Student's own response
authentic	What sound does "au" make?	/aw/
authentic	Divide this word into syllables.	au-then-tic
authentic	Say each syllable aloud.	au-then-tic
authentic	What does this word mean?	Ex: genuine or real
autograph	What sound does "au" make?	/aw/

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autograph	What are the syllable types in the first and last syllables?	Ex: the first syllable is a vowel team, and the last syllable is a closed syllable
barbecue	What sound does "ue" make in this word?	/yoo/
barbecue	Name two other words where this vowel team makes the same sound.	Ex: argue, continue
bemoans	What sound does "oa" make?	/ō/
bemoans	What does this word mean?	Ex: expresses sorrow or regret
bemoans	Use it in a sentence.	Student's own response
birthday	What sound does "ay" make?	/ā/
birthday	Use "birthday" in a sentence.	Student's own response
blueberry	What sound does "ue" make in this word?	/oo/
blueberry	Divide this word into syllables.	blue-ber-ry
blueberry	Identify the types of syllables that make up this word.	Ex: blue is a vowel team syllable; ber is an r-controlled syllable; ry is an open syllable
bounty	Replace "ou" with "au"—what word forms?	baunty
bounty	What's the meaning of "bounty"?	Ex: generosity or a reward
bounty	What is the opposite of "bounty"?	Ex: scarcity
bruises	What sound does "ui" make?	/oo/
bruises	Name two other vowel teams that also make the same sound.	Ex: ue, ew, oo
bumblebee	What sound does "ee" make?	/ē/
bumblebee	How many syllables are there in this word?	Three
bumblebee	Is this a compound word?	Yes
bumblebee	Why or why not?	It is made of two words: bumble and bee.
caribou	What sound does "ou" make in this word?	/oo/
caribou	Where would you split the word into syllables?	car-i-bou
caribou	What is a caribou?	Ex: large North American reindeer
cashew	What sound does "ew" make in this word?	/yoo/
cashew	What other sound does "ew" make?	/oo/ as in grew
cashew	What is a cashew?	Ex: type of nut from a tropical tree
caution	What sound does "au" make?	/aw/

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caution	What does this word mean?	Ex: care taken to avoid danger or mistakes
caution	Name two synonyms.	Ex: care, prudence
celluloid	What sound does "oi" make?	/oy/
celluloid	Where is it usually found in a word or syllable?	Ex: in the middle
celluloid	Divide this word into syllables.	cel-lu-loid
celluloid	Say each one aloud.	cel-lu-loid
childhood	What sound does "oo" make in this word?	/ʊ/ as in good
childhood	What is the meaning of this word?	Ex: the state of being a child
childhood	What is the opposite of this word?	Ex: adulthood
childhood	Use "childhood" in a sentence.	Student's own response
chimney	What sound does "ey" make?	/ē/
chimney	What syllable types are in "chimney"?	Closed and vowel team syllables
chimney	What is the purpose of a chimney?	Ex: to vent smoke from a fireplace or furnace
chutney	What sound does "ey" make?	/ē/
chutney	Are the vowel sounds in "chutney" long or short?	Ex: the first vowel sound is short; the second is long
chutney	How do you know?	Ex: spelling patterns, syllable rules, and pronunciation
commonwealth	Divide this word into syllables.	com-mon-wealth
commonwealth	Say each syllable aloud.	com-mon-wealth
commonwealth	Use the word in a sentence.	Student's own response
complaining	What sound does "ai" make?	/ā/
complaining	Are there prefixes or suffixes in this word?	Prefix com; suffix ing
complaining	If so, how do they change the word's meaning?	Ex: com intensifies the root and ing indicates continuing action
congeal	What sound does "ea" make in this word?	/ē/
congeal	What is the meaning of this word?	Ex: to solidify or thicken
congeal	What is the opposite of this word?	Ex: melt, thin out
constrain	What sound does "ai" make?	/ā/
constrain	What's the base word?	Strain
constrain	Is there a prefix or suffix in "constrain"?	Prefix con
construe	What sound does "ue" make?	/oo/

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construe	Name two words with the same vowel team.	Ex: blue, clue
construe	What does "construe" mean?	Ex: to interpret or explain
construe	Use it in a sentence.	Student's own response
convoy	Say each syllable aloud.	con-voy
convoy	Where is "oy" usually found in a word or syllable?	At the end of a syllable
convoy	What does "convoy" mean?	Ex: a group traveling together for protection
corduroy	What sound does "oy" make?	/oi/
corduroy	Where is it usually found in a word/ syllable?	At the end
corduroy	Name two words with "oy".	Ex: boy, toy
corduroy	Use them in a sentence.	Student's own response
curfew	What sound does "ew" say in this word?	/yoo/
curfew	What is a curfew?	Ex: a rule requiring people to be home at a certain time
curfew	Why might someone have a curfew?	Ex: for safety or parental rules
dainty	Say each syllable aloud.	dain-ty
dainty	What is the meaning of this word?	Ex: delicate or small and pretty
dainty	Use the opposite of "dainty" in a sentence.	Student's own response
defray	What sound does "ay" make?	/ā/
defray	What does the prefix tell us about the meaning?	Ex: de- often means to reduce or offset.
deployed	What sound does "oy" make?	/oi/
deployed	What word is left after removing the prefix and suffix?	ploy
deployed	Define the whole word.	Ex: moved into position for action
deployed	Use it in a sentence.	Student's own response
disagreement	What sound does "ee" make?	/ē/
disagreement	What's the base word?	agree
disagreement	What does it mean when it stands alone?	Ex: to have the same opinion
discontinue	Divide this word into syllables.	dis-con-tin-ue
discontinue	Say each syllable aloud.	dis-con-tin-ue
discontinue	Use this word in a sentence.	Student's own response

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eagles	What vowel team is in this word?	ea
eagles	What sound does "ea" make in this word?	/ē/
eagles	How does the suffix change the meaning of the base word?	Ex: it makes it plural, referring to more than one eagle
encroachment	How does the suffix change the meaning of the word?	Ex: it turns the verb encroach into a noun meaning an act or instance of intrusion
encroachment	What does this word mean?	Ex: intrusion on a person's territory or rights
encroachment	Use it in a sentence.	Student's own response
engineer	What sound does the vowel team make?	/ē/
engineer	What is an engineer?	Ex: a person who designs, builds, or maintains engines, machines, or structures
engineer	Use it in a sentence.	Student's own response
eulogy	Divide this word into syllables.	eu-lo-gy
eulogy	Say what types of syllables make up this word.	Vowel team, open, and open
eulogy	What does this word mean?	Ex: a speech praising someone who has died
eulogy	Use it in a sentence.	Student's own response
euphemize	Explain how to divide this word into syllables.	eu-phe-mize
euphony	Divide this word into syllables.	eu-pho-ny
euphony	Say what types of syllables make up this word.	Vowel team, open, and open
euphony	What does this word mean?	Ex: pleasing or sweet sound
euphony	Use it in a sentence.	Student's own response
euphoric	Identify the syllable types.	Vowel team, r-controlled, closed
euphoric	Explain how knowing the syllable types helps you decode the word.	Ex: it helps break the word into parts to pronounce it accurately.
exceeding	Divide this word into syllables.	ex-ceed-ing
exceeding	Say each syllable aloud.	ex-ceed-ing
exceeding	Name one synonym for this word.	Ex: surpassing
exceeding	Name one antonym for this word.	Ex: falling short
exclaim	Name one synonym for this word.	Ex: shout
exclaim	Name one antonym for this word.	Ex: whisper
exclaim	Use "exclaim" in a sentence.	Student's own response

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exploit	Where is "oi" usually found in a word or syllable?	In the middle of a word/syllable
exploit	What does this word mean?	Ex: to take advantage of
exploit	Use the opposite of "exploit" in a sentence.	Student's own response (ex: ignore, neglect)
feather	What vowel team is in this word?	ea
feather	Name two types of birds with feathers.	Ex: eagle, parrot
feather	Name the three sounds the vowel team "ea" says.	/ē/, /ě/, /ā/
feeble	Name the two syllable types in this word.	Vowel team, consonant-le
feeble	What does "feeble" mean?	Ex: weak
feeble	Name an antonym for this word.	Ex: strong
feeble	Name a synonym for this word.	Ex: weak
feeble	Use both in a sentence.	Student's own response
feedback	Name the two parts of this compound word.	feed, back
feedback	How does each part help you understand the meaning?	Ex: feedback refers to giving back information or reactions
feedback	Who in your life gives you feedback?	Student's own response
flamboyant	Divide this word into syllables.	flam-boy-ant
flamboyant	Say each syllable aloud.	flam-boy-ant
flamboyant	What does this word mean?	Ex: showy or flashy
flamboyant	Use it in a sentence.	Student's own response
fundraise	What are the two words in this word?	fund, raise
fundraise	What syllable types are in this word?	Closed and vowel team syllables
fundraise	Define this word.	Ex: to collect money for a cause
fundraise	Explain why it might be necessary to fundraise.	Ex: to support activities, events, or people in need
galley	Identify the vowel team in this word.	ey
galley	What sound does it make?	/ē/
gleeful	What vowel team do you see?	ee
gleeful	What does it say?	/ē/
gleeful	What is the meaning of this word?	Ex: full of joy
gleeful	What is the opposite of this word?	Ex: sad
gleeful	Use both in a sentence.	Student's own response

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gloomy	What sound does the "y" make?	/ē/
gloomy	How do you know?	Ex: because y at the end of multi-syllable words usually says /ē/.
gloomy	Use "gloomy" and its opposite in one sentence.	Student's own response
grapefruits	What two real words make up the whole word?	grape, fruits
grapefruits	Name another fruit that is also a compound word.	Ex: pineapple
haystack	Divide this word into syllables.	hay-stack
haystack	Say each syllable aloud.	hay-stack
haystack	What types of syllables make up this word?	Vowel team and closed syllables
headstrong	What two words make up this compound word?	head, strong
headstrong	How do they both change the meaning of the word?	Ex: together, they mean stubborn or determined.
headstrong	Use "headstrong" in a sentence.	Student's own response
hoax	What vowel team is in this word?	oa
hoax	What does it say?	/ō/
hoax	Name two other words with the same vowel team.	Ex: boat, coat
holiday	What sound does "ay" make?	/ā/
holiday	Replace the first two syllables with "mid".	midday
holiday	Use the new word in a sentence.	Student's own response
impairment	Divide this word into syllables.	im-pair-ment
impairment	Say each syllable aloud.	im-pair-ment
impairment	Provide this word's meaning.	Ex: a loss or weakness in function
impairment	What is its opposite?	Ex: strength or improvement
impairment	Use both in a sentence.	Student's own response
increase	What sound does "ea" make in this word?	/ē/
increase	What is the meaning of this word?	Ex: to make greater in number or amount
increase	What is the opposite of this word?	Ex: decrease
increase	Use both in a sentence.	Student's own response
indiscreetly	Divide this word into syllables.	in-dis-creet-ly
indiscreetly	Say each syllable aloud.	in-dis-creet-ly

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indiscreetly	What is the meaning of this word?	Ex: lacking caution or care
indiscreetly	What is the opposite of this word?	Ex: discreetly
indiscreetly	Use both in a sentence.	Student's own response
invoice	Divide this word into syllables.	in-voice
invoice	Say each syllable aloud.	in-voice
invoice	What is an invoice?	Ex: a bill or statement of charges for goods or services
loitering	What sound does the vowel team make?	/oi/
loitering	Explain the meaning of this word with and without the suffix.	Ex: to linger; loitering is the act of lingering
lounge	Can you find a vowel team in this word?	ou
lounge	How does it help you read the word?	/ow/
mainland	What kind of syllable is "main"?	Vowel team syllable
mainland	What vowel sound do you hear in the first syllable?	/ā/
mistletoe	Divide this word into syllables.	mis-tle-toe
mistletoe	Say each syllable aloud.	mis-tle-toe
mistletoe	Explain why the "i" makes a short sound.	Ex: it is in a consonant-le exception syllable
mistletoe	Explain why the "o" makes a long sound.	Ex: it is in a vowel team syllable
narrow	What sound does the vowel team produce?	/ō/
narrow	Name a synonym for this word.	Ex: tight
narrow	Name an antonym for this word.	Ex: wide
nephew	Divide this word into syllables.	neph-ew
nephew	Say each syllable aloud.	neph-ew
nephew	Identify the vowel team and the sound it makes in this word.	/yoo/
neuron	What kind of vowel sounds are in this word?	/oo/ as in book
neuter	If you remove the first syllable, what's left?	ter
neuter	Does it still sound like a real word?	No, ter is not a word on its own
newscaster	Divide this word into syllables.	news-cast-er
newscaster	Say each syllable aloud.	news-cast-er
outmaneuvered	How many syllables does this word have?	Four syllables

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outmaneuvered	Identify the two vowel teams in this word.	ou and eu
outmaneuvered	What sounds do they make?	ou makes /ow/, eu makes /oo/
overthrew	Divide this word into syllables.	o-ver-threw
overthrew	Say each syllable aloud.	o-ver-threw
overthrew	Identify the vowel team and the sound it makes in this word.	/oo/
parakeet	Identify the vowel team and the sound it makes.	/ē/
parakeet	Name two other vowel teams that make the same sound.	Ex: ea, ey, ie
parsley	Identify the types of syllables that make up this word.	r-controlled and vowel team syllables.
parsley	What is parsley?	Ex: an herb used in cooking
paycheck	Is this a compound word?	Yes
paycheck	How do you know?	It is made from pay and check
paycheck	What is a paycheck?	Ex: payment to an employee for work done
pedigrees	Divide this word into syllables.	ped-i-grees
pedigrees	Say each syllable aloud.	ped-i-grees
pertaining	Divide this word into syllables.	per-tain-ing
pertaining	Identify the types of syllables that make up this word.	r-controlled, vowel team, and suffix syllables.
pheasant	Identify the vowel team in this word.	ea
pheasant	What sound does it make in this word?	/ě/
pheasant	Name two more sounds that the vowel team can make.	/ē/, /ā/
plain	Identify the vowel team in this word.	ai
plain	What sound does it make?	/ā/
plain	What other vowel team makes the same sound?	ay
portray	Identify the vowel team and the sound it makes.	/ā/
portray	What type of syllable is the first syllable of this word?	r-controlled
pursuit	What does this word mean?	Ex: the act of chasing or striving for something
pursuit	What kind of word is it?	Noun

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railroad	Identify the vowel teams and the sounds they make.	ai makes /ā/, oa makes /ō/
railroad	Is this a compound word?	Yes
railroad	How do you know?	It is formed from rail and road.
reclaimed	Identify the vowel team and the sound it makes.	/ā/
reclaimed	What does this word mean?	Ex: recovered or taken back
reclaimed	Use it in a sentence.	Student's own response
recruiter	Say each syllable aloud.	re-cruit-er
recruiter	Explain how to divide this word into syllables.	re-cruit-er
renew	What prefix do you see in this word?	re-
renew	How does it change the meaning of the base word?	Ex: it makes it mean to do again or make new again.
residue	Explain how to divide this word into syllables.	res-i-due
residue	What sound does "ue" make in this word?	/oo/
residue	What does "residue" mean?	Ex: what is left behind
Saturday	How many syllables are in this word?	Three syllables
Saturday	What vowel sounds do you hear in each syllable?	/ă/ /er/ /ā/
scoundrel	Explain how to divide this word into syllables.	scoun-drel
scoundrel	If you could have any superpower, what would it be, and why?	Student's own response
shrewdness	What sound does the vowel team make in this word?	/oo/
shrewdness	What does this word mean?	Ex: sharpness or cleverness
shrewdness	Use it in a sentence.	Student's own response
sluice	What sound does the vowel team make?	/oo/
sluice	What does this word mean?	Ex: a sliding gate or channel for water
sluice	Use it in a sentence.	Student's own response
smooth	Identify the vowel team and the sound it makes in this word.	/oo/
smooth	Name a synonym for this word.	Ex: soft
smooth	Name an antonym for this word.	Ex: rough

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sorrowful	Identify the vowel team and the sound it makes in this word.	ow says /ō/
sorrowful	Name an antonym for this word.	Ex: joyful
sorrowful	Use "sorrowful" in a sentence.	Student's own response
soup	What sound does the vowel team make?	/oo/
soup	Can you describe a favorite type of soup you've eaten before?	Student's own response
spewed	What sound does the vowel team make in this word?	/yoo/
spewed	Can you think of a scenario where something might be spewed out?	Student's own response
spreadsheet	Identify the vowel teams.	ea and ee
spreadsheet	What vowel sound do you hear from each team in this word?	ea says /ĕ/, ee says /ē/
spreadsheet	Use "spreadsheet" in a sentence.	Student's own response
squawk	What sound does the vowel team make?	/aw/
squawk	Can you think of an animal that might squawk?	Student's own response
strawberry	What does this word mean?	Ex: a sweet red fruit with seeds on the outside
strawberry	Name another fruit that is a compound word.	Ex: watermelon
succeeded	Identify the vowel team and its sound.	ee says /ē/
succeeded	Name another vowel team that makes the same sound.	Ex: ea, ey, ie
succeeded	Describe a time you succeeded.	Student's own response
teeny	What vowel sound is in the last syllable?	/ē/
teeny	Why is the "y" making that sound?	Ex: y at the end of a multi-syllable word often says /ē/.
teeny	What is the opposite of the word?	Ex: huge
thyroid	What vowel sounds do you hear in each syllable?	/ī/ and /oi/
thyroid	What is the rule for when "y" is a vowel?	Ex: y says ī at the end of a one-syllable word; y says ē at the end of multisyllabic words
thyroid	What is a thyroid?	Ex: a gland in the neck that regulates metabolism
toenail	Identify vowel teams and their sounds in this word.	oe says /ō/, ai says /ā/

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toenail	Is it a compound word?	Yes
toenail	How do you know?	Ex: it is made from toe and nail.
toenail	Use "toenail" in a sentence.	Student's own response
traitor	Name the vowel team and its sound.	ai says /ā/
traitor	Where do you usually find this team in a word/syllable?	Ex: in the middle of a syllable/word
traitor	What does the word mean?	Ex: someone who betrays trust
traitor	Define "traitor".	Ex: a person who is disloyal to a group or country
truckload	Is "truckload" a compound word?	Yes
truckload	Which three vowel teams produce the long "o" sound?	oa, oe, ow
truckload	Identify a blend in this word.	tr
truckload	Identify a digraph in this word.	ck
turkey	What sound does "ey" make?	/ē/
turkey	Where is it usually found in a word?	Ex: at the end of a word or syllable
turkey	Describe your perfect day using five multisyllabic words.	Student's own response
understood	Identify the types of syllables that make up this word.	closed, r-controlled, vowel team
understood	Define this word.	Ex: grasped the meaning of something
understood	Use it in a sentence.	Student's own response
voiceless	Name the vowel team and its sound.	oi says /oi/
voiceless	How does the suffix change the base word's meaning?	Ex: it changes voice into an adjective meaning without voice.
window	What two sounds does the vowel team "ow" make?	/ō/ and /ow/
window	Share a proud experience and include three multisyllabic words to describe it.	Student's own response
yesterday	Say each syllable aloud.	Student's own response
yesterday	What sound does "ay" make?	/ā/
yesterday	Use the opposite of "yesterday" in a sentence.	Student's own response
youth	Share a proud experience, and include at least three multisyllabic words to describe it.	Student's own response