
Advanced Word Study & Morphology

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Agenda

- What is Advanced Word Study?
- Progression of Phonics and Word Study Across Grades
- Terminology
- Word Reading Strategies
- Structural Analysis - Morphology

What is Advanced Word Study?

- Multisyllabic Word Reading/Spelling AND Morphology
- Breaking larger words into smaller, more manageable parts to support decoding & spelling of unknown multisyllable words

Terminology

Letter	26	letters in the English alphabet; used individually or in combination for written representation of words (a, b, c...)
Phoneme	44	the smallest unit of sound within a word (/t/, /p/, /sh/)
Grapheme	250	1 or more letters used to represent a phoneme (t, a, tch, pp, igh)
Morpheme	thousands ...	a unit of meaning in a word; roots or base words, prefixes, suffixes (crack, water, port, tele, re, in, ing, er)

English is a Morphophonemic Language

- English words are comprised of both sound spelling correspondences and morphemes that provide clues to meaning.
- We spell by both the sounds in words (phonemes) and the meaning represented in word parts (morphemes).
- Certain morphemes keep their written spelling even though their phonemic forms change. When the sound in a word changes in a different variation of the word, the spelling doesn't change.

Morphophonemic Language examples

know - knowledge

House - housing

Disrupt - disruption

Health - healthy

Please- pleasure

dogs, retakes

cave - cavern

music - musician

nation - national

sign- signature

do - does

Multisyllabic word reading combines two strategies:

Word Analysis: focus on syllables

Break words into parts by identifying vowel sounds, saying each syllable, then putting the syllables together

AND

Structural Analysis: focus on meaningful units

Read words through recognition of roots, prefixes, suffixes

Word Analysis

Tackling Unknown Words

Unsympathetically

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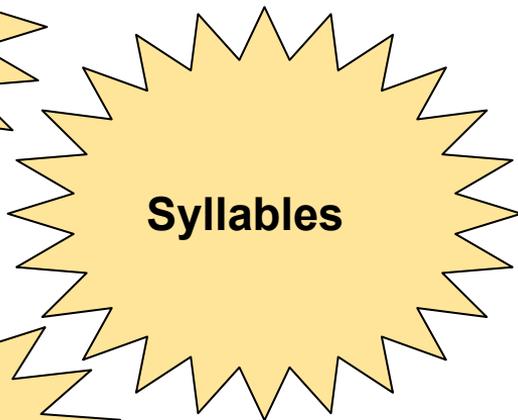
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un-sym-pa-thet-i-cal-ly

Unsympathetically



un+ sympath(y) + tic+ al+ ly



Word reading strategy examples:

Decode by syllables:

fan-tas-tic po-ta-to ad-ven-ture trem-ble

Decode by structural analysis:

pre-heat-ed

en-joy-able

re-visit-ing

photo-graph-er

pre-dict-able

What is a syllable?

A syllable is a word or part of a word with one vowel sound.

- All words have at least 1 syllable
- The mouth opens to say a vowel sound (count the number of spoken syllables in a word:
 - place hand under chin
 - feel and count the number of times mouth drops

The Complexity of Vowels

19 English Vowel Sounds

/ā/ baby

/ē/ secret

/ī/ tiger

/ō/ pony

/yoo/ use

/ă/ at

/ĕ/ fed

/ĭ/ it

/ō/ oodd

/ŭ/ up

/oo/ food

/ōō/ book

/oi/ coin

/ou/ house

/aw/ paw

/ar/ car

/er/ her

/or/ port

ə (schwa) about, pencil, lemon

Understanding Syllable Types

Syllable Type	Examples	Definition
Closed	<u>dap-ple</u> <u>hos-tel</u> <u>bev-er- age</u>	A syllable with a short vowel, spelled with a single vowel letter ending in one or more consonants.
Vowel-Consonant-e (VCe)	<u>com-pete</u> <u>des-pite</u>	A syllable with a long vowel, spelled with one vowel + one consonant + silent e .
Open	<u>pro-gram</u> <u>ta-ble</u> <u>re-cent</u>	A syllable that ends with a long vowel sound, spelled with a single vowel letter.
Vowel Team (including diphthongs)	<u>aw-ful</u> <u>train-er</u> <u>con-geal</u> <u>spoil-age</u>	Syllables with long or short vowel spellings that use two to four letters to spell the vowel. Diphthongs ou/ow and oi/oy are included in this category.
Vowel-r (r-controlled)	<u>in-jur-i- ous</u> <u>con-sort</u> <u>char-ter</u>	A syllable with er, ir, or, ar, or ur . Vowel pronunciation often changes before /r/.
Consonant-le (C-le)	<u>drib-ble</u> <u>bea-gle</u> <u>lit-tle</u>	An unaccented final syllable that contains a consonant before /l/, followed by a silent e .
Leftovers: Odd and Schwa syllables	<u>dam-age</u> <u>act-ive</u> <u>na-tion</u>	Usually final, unaccented syllables with odd spellings.

Syllable Division Activity

Vowel and Syllable Coding

1. **Mark each vowel sound as long** (a line above called a macron), **short** (a curved line above called a breve), or schwa (an upside down e). **Circle a variant sound** (e.g., er, ar, or, oi, oy, oo, ew, ou, ow).

2. **Use a curved line to “scoop” under each syllable.**

3. **Label the type of syllable under the scoop**

- c for closed syllable
- o for open syllable
- vce for vowel-consonant-e syllable (silent e)
- vv for vowel team syllable
- r for vowel-r syllable
- cle for consonant-le syllable

Structural Analysis



Structural Analysis:

- focus on meaningful units
- Read words through recognition of roots, prefixes, suffixes

Why Teach Morphology

- Large percentage of words learned after grade 3 are derived from Greek or Latin roots (Carlisle, 2007)
- 60% of unfamiliar words in middle school books are derived words that can be figured out by word parts and context. (Nagy & Anderson, 1984)
- Supports reading & spelling of multisyllable words AND vocabulary development!

Units of Meaning

Morpheme: a smallest unit or word part that has meaning (prefix, suffix, Anglo Saxon base, Latin root, Greek form)

Affix: a prefix or suffix added to the beginning or end of a word or word part that forms new words and can change meaning, part of speech, and usage

Units of Meaning

Free base: the main part of a word that can stand on its own and be combined with affixes to form new words (form, port)

Bound root: the main part of a word that must be combined or 'bound' with affixes to form new words (rupt, scrib)

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Inflectional morpheme: a suffix that changes noun number, verb tense, or makes a comparison (-s/-es, -ed, -ing, -er/-est)

Derivational morpheme: a prefix or suffix added to a word or word part that forms new words and can change meaning, part of speech, and usage (in-/im-, un-, mis-, -ly, -ion/-tion/-ation)

Decoding Strategy Using a Morphological Approach

Here are some steps you can teach your students that will help them when decoding words using a morphological approach.

1. Circle the prefixes and suffixes.
2. Underline the vowels and vowel teams in the base/root word. What will the vowel(s) say?
3. Read the word in parts (morphemes or syllables).
4. Read the whole word and check/tweak your pronunciation.

Decoding Strategy Using a Morphological Approach

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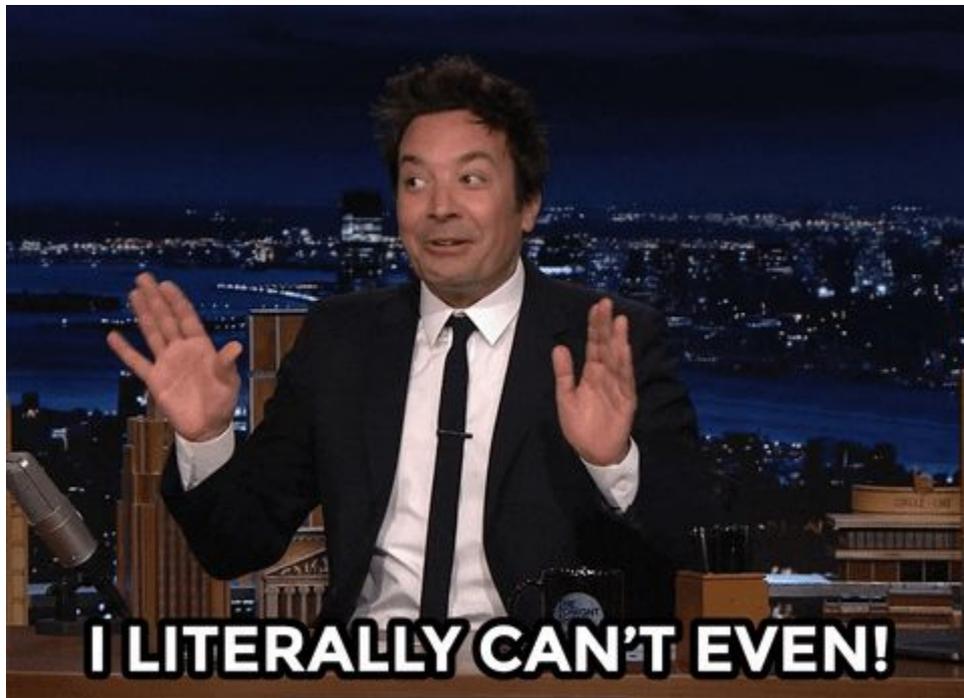
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Ways **NOT** to Teach Morphology

Morpheme
Lists

Morpheme
study guides



Morpheme
Flashcards

Morpheme
Worksheets

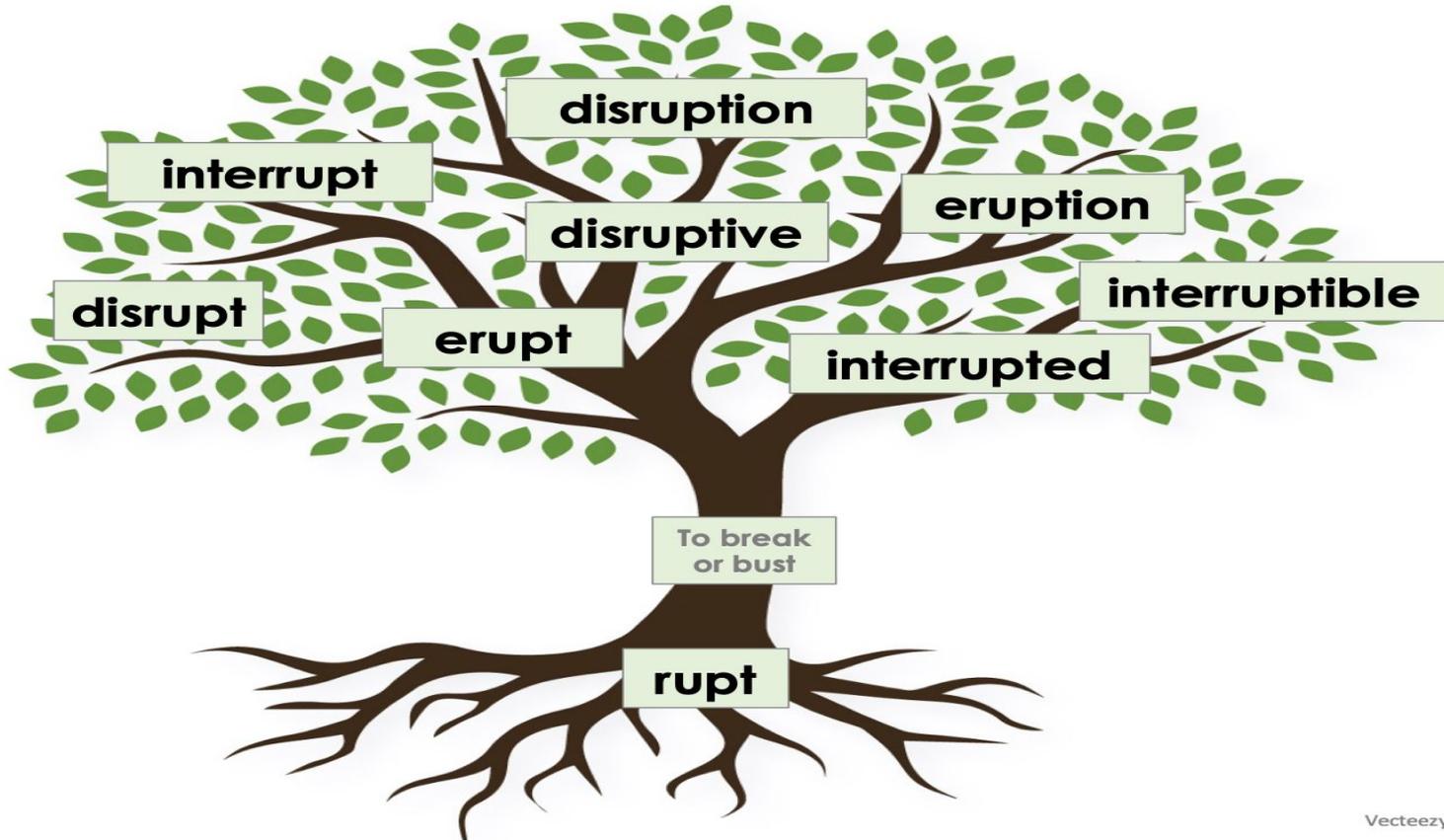
Ways to Teach Morphology

- Explain what roots and affixes are and how they work.
- Introduce 1 affix or root at a time; focus on the spelling because the pronunciation may change within words.
- Teach how the affix or root affects word meaning.
- Model how to read the word part within words; provide guided practice reading and spelling multiple examples.
- Find opportunities to build collections of words with the same affix or root.
- **EMBEDDED in context words so students understand the connections**

Morpheme Matrix activity

un	teach	able
re		er
pre		es
mis		ing

Morpheme Trees



Use Collective Efficacy to Leverage Morphology Learning

- **Meet with TBT's, Grade Level teams, Cross-Content teams**
 - Agree upon morphemes covered by grade & department
 - Build morphology learning into text for authentic learning

Thank you

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