



If the Clue Fits

Objective

The student will identify affixes, roots, base words, syllables, and variant correspondences in words.

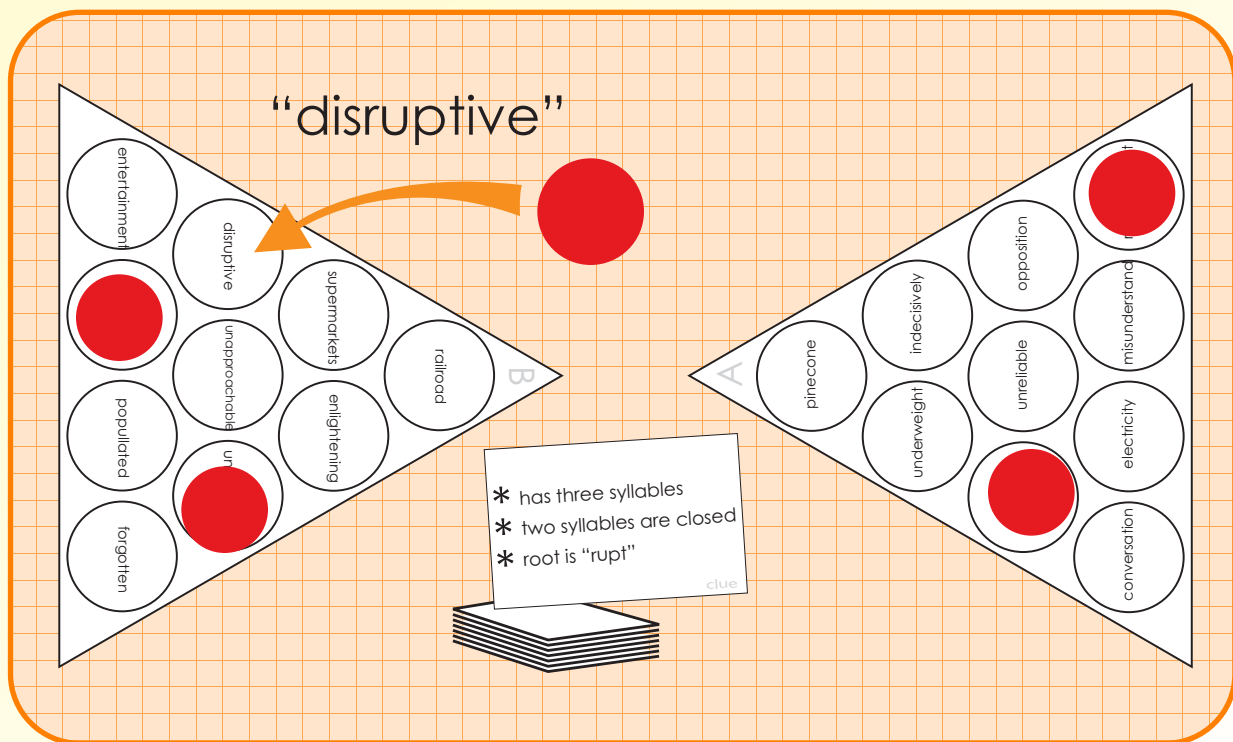
Materials

- ▶ If the Clue Fits triangles
- ▶ Clue cards
- ▶ Answer key
An answer key is provided for optional use.
- ▶ Game pieces (e.g., counters)

Activity

Students identify words by using advanced phonics-related clues.

1. Place clue cards face down in a stack. Provide each student with a different triangle and game pieces.
2. Taking turns, students draw a card from the stack and read it (e.g., has three syllables, two syllables are closed, root is “rupt”).
3. Look for word on triangle that fits description (i.e., disruptive). Read word and place game piece on that spot. Place clue card in a discard pile.
4. If no word is found which matches description, place clue card at the bottom of the stack.
5. Continue activity until all matches are made.
6. Peer evaluation



“disruptive”

* has three syllables
* two syllables are closed
* root is “rupt”

clue

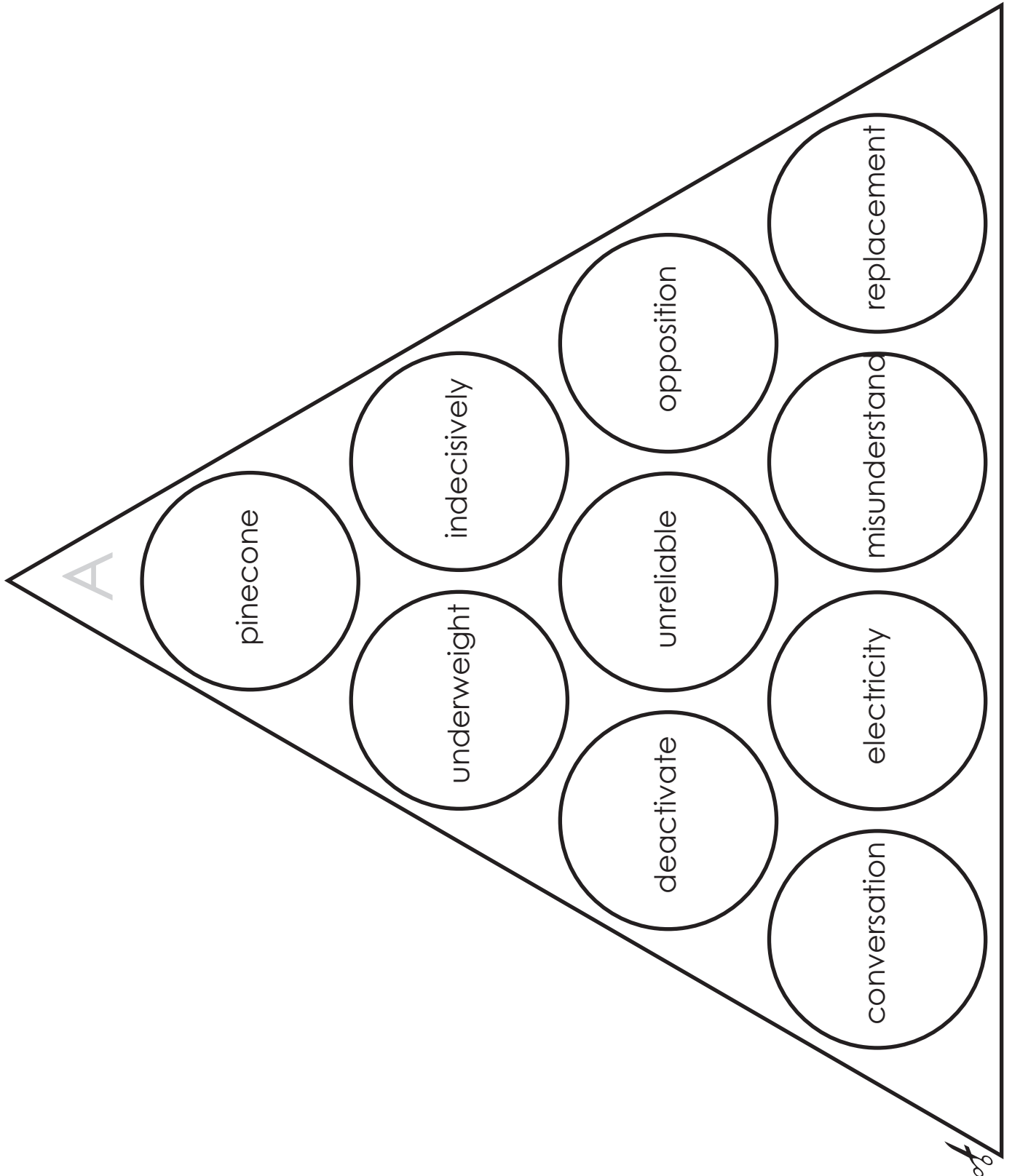
Extensions and Adaptations

- ▶ Write words based on clues.

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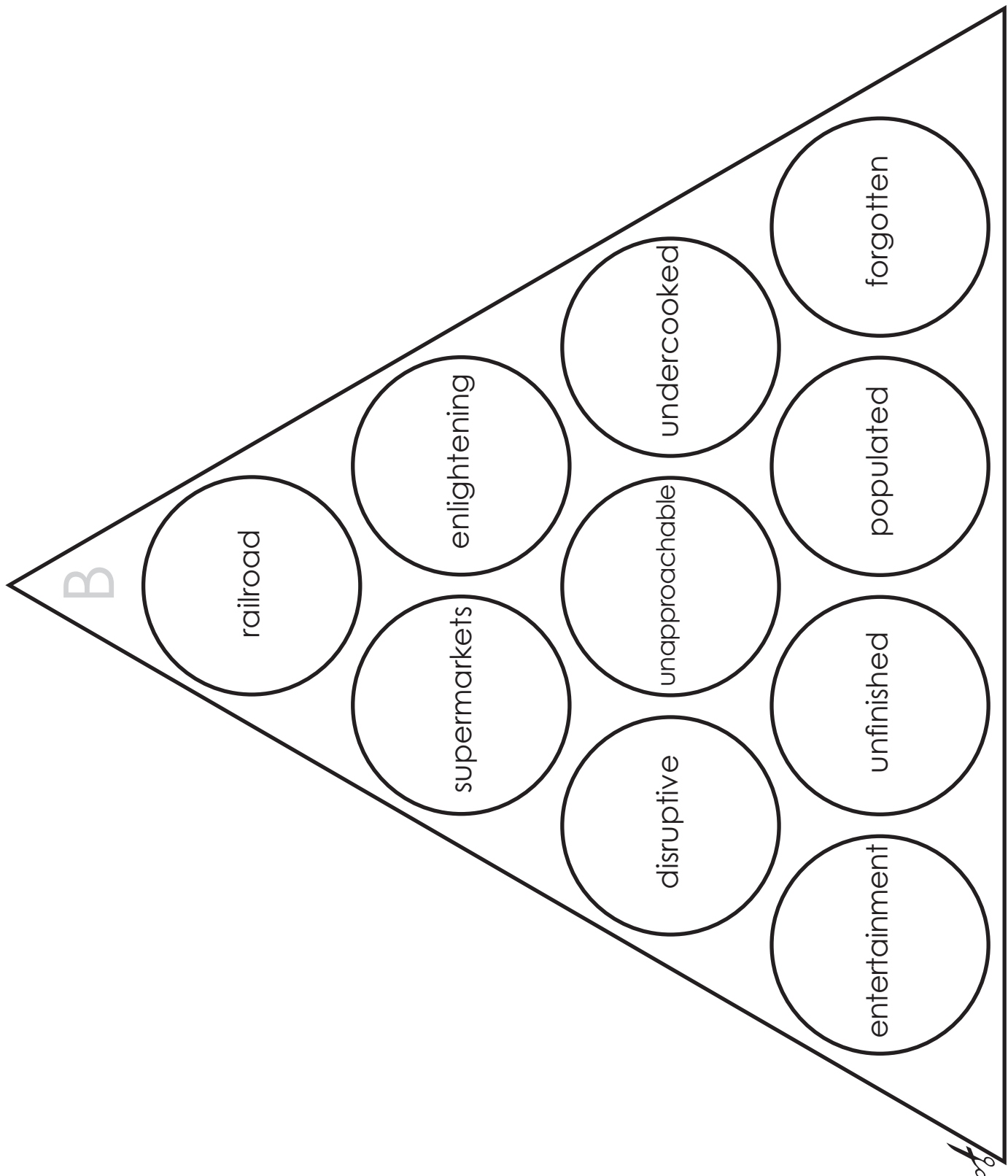


word triangle A

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word triangle B

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<ul style="list-style-type: none">* has two VCE syllables* one syllable has /ī/* compound word <p>clue</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">* has three syllables* third syllable has /ā/* compound word <p>clue</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">* has five syllables* has one prefix and two suffixes* base word is “decide” <p>clue</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">* has four syllables* has a prefix* root is “act” <p>clue</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">* has five syllables* prefix is a closed syllable* base word is “rely” <p>clue</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">* has four syllables* “s” makes the sound /z/* has a suffix <p>clue</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">* has four syllables* has r-controlled syllable* has a suffix <p>clue</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">* has five syllables* last syllable is open* “c” has two different sounds <p>clue</p>

clue cards



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<ul style="list-style-type: none">* has four syllables* three syllables are closed* has a prefix <p>clue</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">* has three syllables* has a VCE syllable* has a prefix and suffix <p>clue</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">* has two vowel pair syllables* one syllable has /a/* is a compound word <p>clue</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">* has four syllables* two syllables are r-controlled* is a compound word <p>clue</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">* has four syllables* has one prefix and two suffixes* base word is "light" <p>clue</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">* has three syllables* two syllables are closed* root is "rupt" <p>clue</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">* has five syllables* last syllable is consonant-le* base word is "approach" <p>clue</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">* has three syllables* affix says /t/* has one vowel pair syllable <p>clue</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none">* has four syllables* has one vowel pair syllable* has a suffix <p>clue</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">* has three syllables* has two affixes* one of the affixes says /t/ <p>clue</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">* has four syllables* second syllable is open* has a suffix <p>clue</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">* has three syllables* second syllable is closed* has a suffix <p>clue</p>
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Answer Key A

has two VCE syllables
one syllable has /ī/
compound word

pinecone

has three syllables
third syllable has /ā/
compound word

underweight

has five syllables
has one prefix and two suffixes
base word is “decide”

indecisively

has four syllables
has a prefix
root is “act”

deactivate

has five syllables
prefix is a closed syllable
base word is “rely”

unreliable

has four syllables
“s” makes the sound /z/
has a suffix

opposition

has four syllables
has r-controlled syllable
has a suffix

conversation

has five syllables
last syllable is open
“c” has two different sounds

electricity

has four syllables
three syllables are closed
has a prefix

misunderstand

has three syllables
has a VCE syllable
has a prefix and suffix

replacement

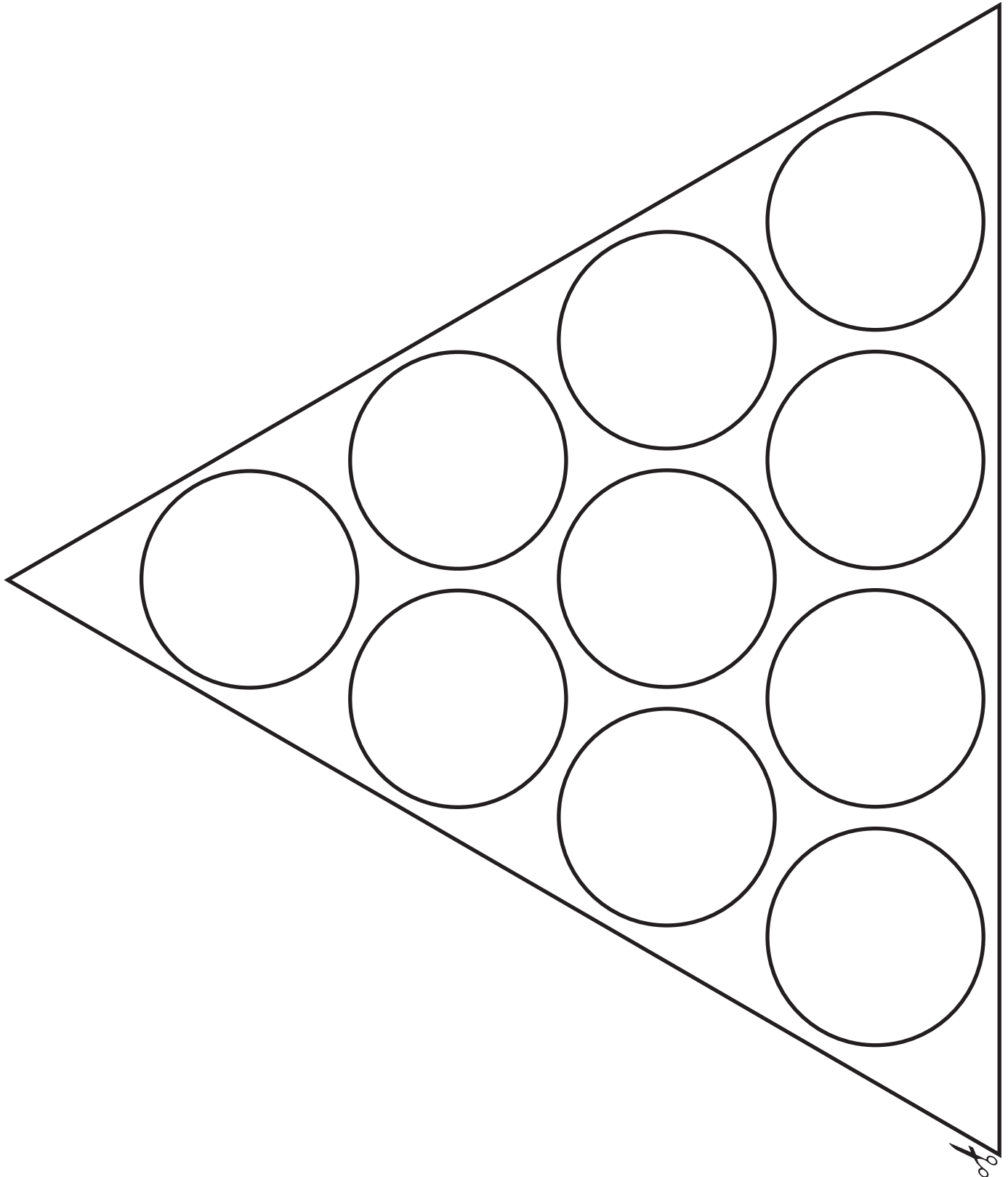
Answer Key B

has two vowel team syllables one syllable has /ā/ compound word	railroad
has four syllables two syllables are r-controlled compound word	supermarkets
has four syllables has one prefix and two suffixes base word is "light"	enlightening
has three syllables two syllables are closed root is "rupt"	disruptive
has five syllables last syllable is consonant-le base word is "approach"	unapproachable
has three syllables affix says /t/ has one vowel pair syllable	undercooked
has four syllables has vowel pair syllable has a suffix	entertainment
has three syllables has two affixes one of the affixes says /t/	unfinished
has four syllables second syllable is open has a suffix	populated
has three syllables second syllable is closed has a suffix	forgotten

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blank triangle

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has two syllables

both syllables have vowel pairs _____

has three syllables

has a suffix _____

has three syllables

first syllable is r-controlled _____

has two syllables

“c” in first syllable says /s/ _____

has four syllables

last syllable is VCE _____

has three syllables

root is “struct” _____

has three syllables

has a prefix _____

has three syllables

root is “act” _____