



## Morphemic Elements

V. 010

### Meaningful Affixes

#### Objective

The student will identify the meaning of words with affixes.

#### Materials

- ▶ Work boards
- ▶ Affix cards
- ▶ Base word cards

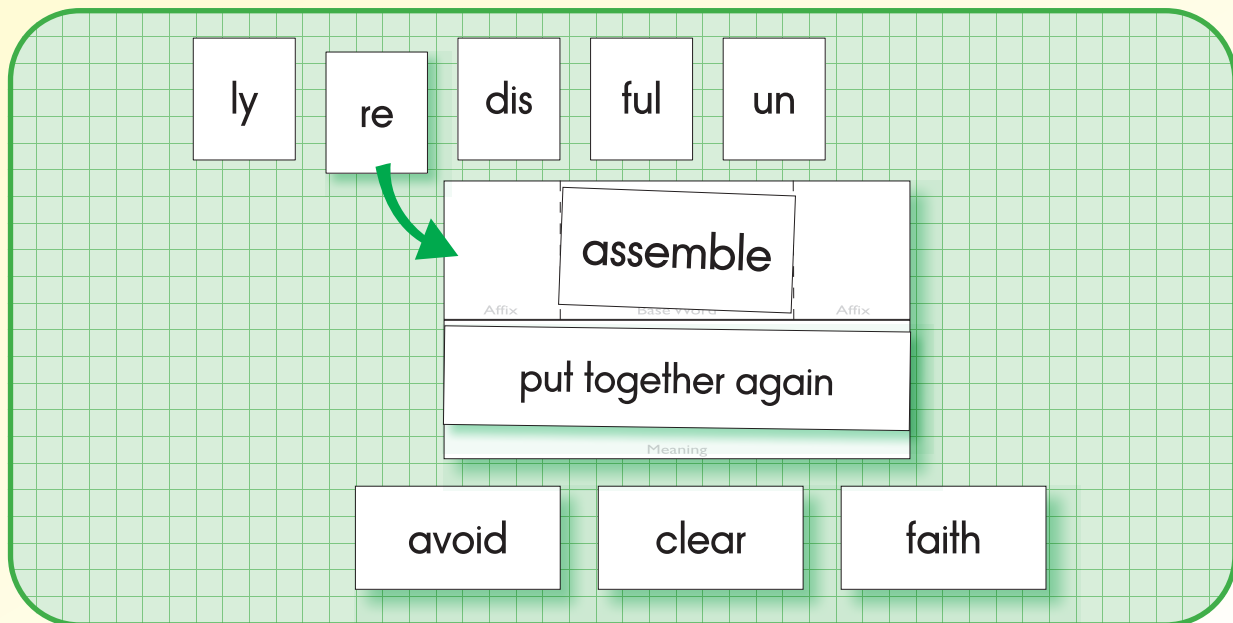
*There are ten base words. Six will be used twice: clear, faith, kind, inform, comfort, assemble. Four will be used once: avoid, fiction, heat, direct.*

- ▶ Meaning cards

#### Activity

**Students make words to match meanings by combining affixes and base words.**

1. Place affix and base word cards face up in separate rows. Place the meaning cards face down in a stack. Provide each student with a work board.
2. Taking turns, students select a card from the meaning stack, read it, and place it on the work board (e.g., put together again).
3. Find the base word (i.e., assemble) and affix (i.e., re) to make the word that matches the meaning.
4. Place the affix and base word above the meaning on the work board and read it (i.e., reassemble). Return base word and affix cards back to their original positions.
5. Continue until all meaning cards are used.
6. Peer evaluation



The diagram shows a grid with the following cards:

- Affix cards: ly, re, dis, ful, un
- Base word cards: assemble, avoid, clear, faith
- Meaning card: put together again

An arrow points from the 're' affix card to the 'assemble' base word card, which is positioned above the meaning card. The meaning card is labeled 'Meaning'.

#### Extensions and Adaptations

- ▶ Record words on paper. Write sentences using the words to demonstrate meaning.
- ▶ Use same base words and affixes with easier meaning cards.
- ▶ Make other affix, base word, and meaning cards.

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Affix	Base Word	Affix
Meaning		



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Meaning		



work boards

# Vocabulary

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pre	un	re	mis
non	in	dis	
ly	able	est	er
ful	ness	less	



affix cards

avoid

fiction

heat

direct

clear

faith

kind

inform

comfort

assemble



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can stay away from

not make believe

warm before

not straight

not see through

resembling see through

meaning cards — answers: avoidable, nonfiction, preheat, indirect, unclear, clearly



full of belief

without belief

state of being nice, helpful

nicest, most helpful

wrongly tell

one who tells



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not satisfied, not at ease

state of being satisfied, at ease

opposite of put together

put together again

meaning cards — answers: discomfort, comfortable, disassemble, reassemble



can avoid

not fiction

heat before

not direct

not clear

resembling clear

meaning cards — answers: avoidable, nonfiction, preheat, indirect, unclear, clearly





# Vocabulary

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full of faith

without faith

state of being kind

most kind

not inform

one who informs

meaning cards — answers: faithful, faithless, kindness, kindest, misinform, informer



no comfort

state of (feeling) comfort

opposite of assemble

assemble again

meaning cards — answers: discomfort, comfortable, disassemble, reassemble



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affix	affix	affix	affix
base words		base words	
base words		base words	
meaning			
meaning			

affix cards, base word cards, and meaning cards

