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HOW TO USE

Use this morpheme matrix to help your students practice forming and spelling words with the base element FER.

Begin by teaching the base element. Here is a possible script for teaching the base element, FER.

- 1. (Write "fer" on the board.)
- 2. Our new base element is "fer". Let's read it together. (fer)
- 3. Fer comes from a Latin word which means bear or yield.
- 4. (Write "transfer" on the board.)
- 5. Watch me scoop the morphemes as I read this word.
- 6. (Scoop your hand under the parts as you read the word aloud.)
- 7. The word is TRANSFER. It means to bear across.
- 8. (Post the following words on the board for all to read in unison as you scoop your hand under each morpheme.)
 - suffer
 - offer
 - prefer
 - infer
 - fertile
 - transferable

Make sure all children can see the morpheme matrix or have their own copy. Show them how to use the matrix to build words with the base element FER.

Students can work alone or in partners to find and record as many words as they can.

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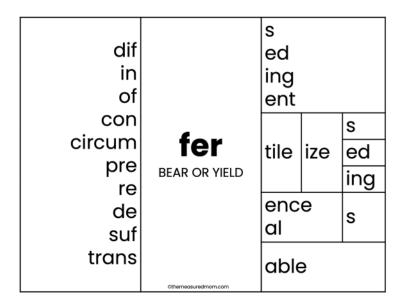
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Use the matrix to write as many word sums as you can.

Example: suf + fer + ing → suffering

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