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HOW TO USE

Use this morpheme matrix to help your students practice forming and spelling words with the free base, ACT.

Here is a possible script.

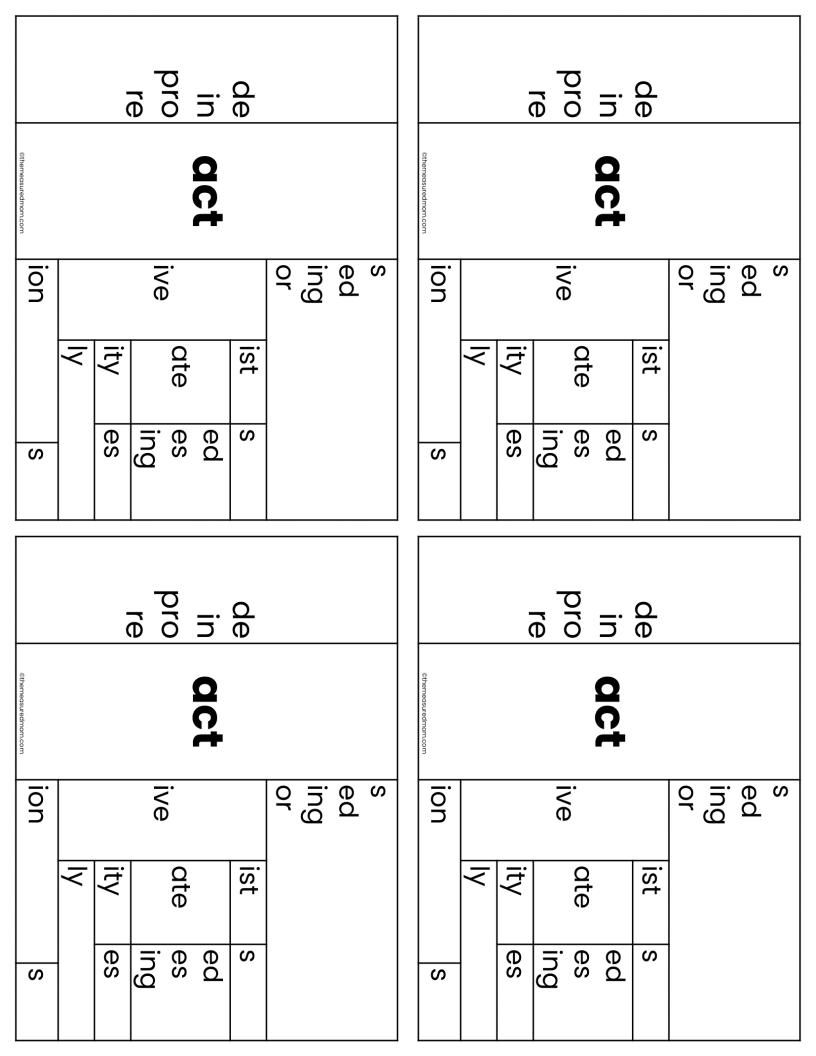
- 1. (Write "act" on the board.)
- 2. You know this word. Let's read it together. (act)
- 3. "Act" is a free base. That means it can be a word on its own or you can also add other parts to it.
- 4. (Write "proactive" on the board.)
- 5. Watch me scoop the word parts as I read this word.
- 6. (Scoop your hand under the parts as you read the word aloud.)
- 7. The word is proactive. It means being ready before something happens.
- (Post the following words on the board for all to read in unison as you scoop your hand under each word part.)
 - deactivate
 - proactive
 - action
 - actor
 - activity
 - actively
 - reaction

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 free base, ACT.

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

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

Example: pro + act + ive → proactive

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ANSWERS WILL VARY*

act proactivity

acts react acted reacts acting reacted

actor reacting actors reactor

active reactors activist reactive

activists reactivate activate

activates reactivated

activated reactivating

activating reactivities

activity reactivities activities reactively

actively reactivation

action reactivations

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deactivate

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proact

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