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# HOW TO USE

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

Here is a possible script.

1. (Write “place” on the board.)
2. You know this word. Let’s read it together. (place)
3. “Place” 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 “placemat” 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 placemat. It means *a small table mat on which a place setting is laid*.
8. (Post the following words on the board for all to read in unison as you scoop your hand under each part of the word.)
  - replace
  - displaced
  - misplace
  - workplace
  - placed
  - placement
  - placemat

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, PLACE.

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:** dis + place + ment → displacement

_____	→	_____
_____	→	_____
_____	→	_____
_____	→	_____
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## ANSWERS WILL VARY

place  
places  
placed  
placing  
placement  
placements  
placemat  
placemats  
replace  
replaces  
replaced  
replacing  
displace  
displaces  
displaced  
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