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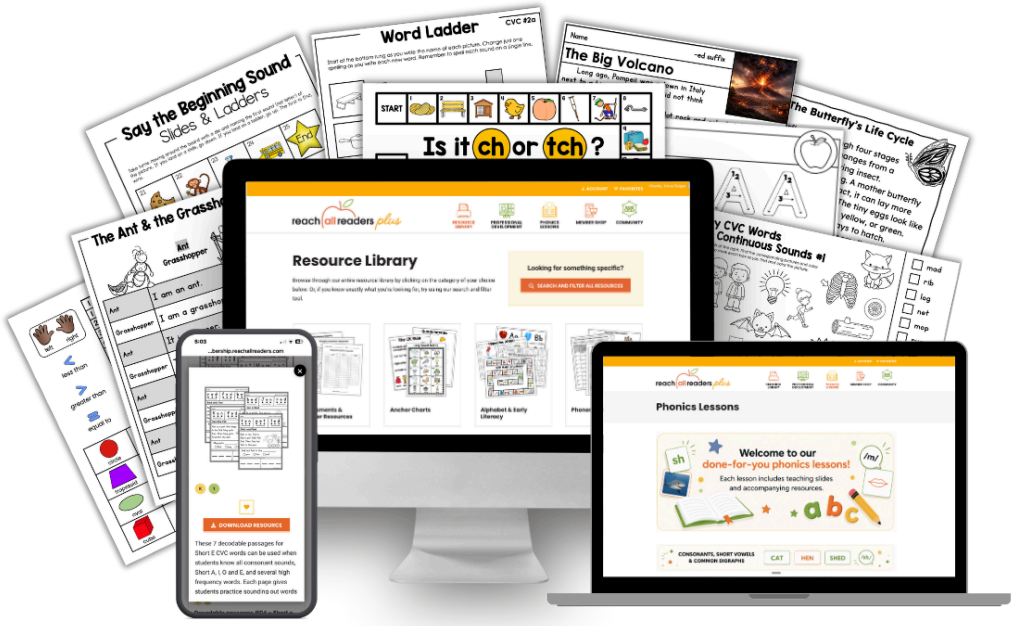

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Word Matrix: ASTER & ASTR

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HOW TO USE

Use this morpheme matrix to help your students practice forming and spelling words with the base elements, ASTER and ASTR.

Begin by teaching the roots. Here is a possible script for teaching the base elements, ASTER and ASTR.

1. (Write “aster” and “astr” on the board.)

2. Our new base elements are “aster and astr”. Let’s read them together. (aster, astr)

3. ASTER and ASTR come from a Greek word meaning *star* or *star-shaped.*

4. (Write “astrology” 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 ASTROLOGY. It means *the study of stars.*

8. (Post the following words on the board for all to read in unison as you scoop your hand under each word part.)

    - astrodome
    - astronaut
    - astrology/astrological
    - astrologer
    - astronomy/astronomical
    - astronomer
    - astrophysics
    - astrophysicist

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 elements, ASTER and ASTR.

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 +astr + ous → disastrous

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