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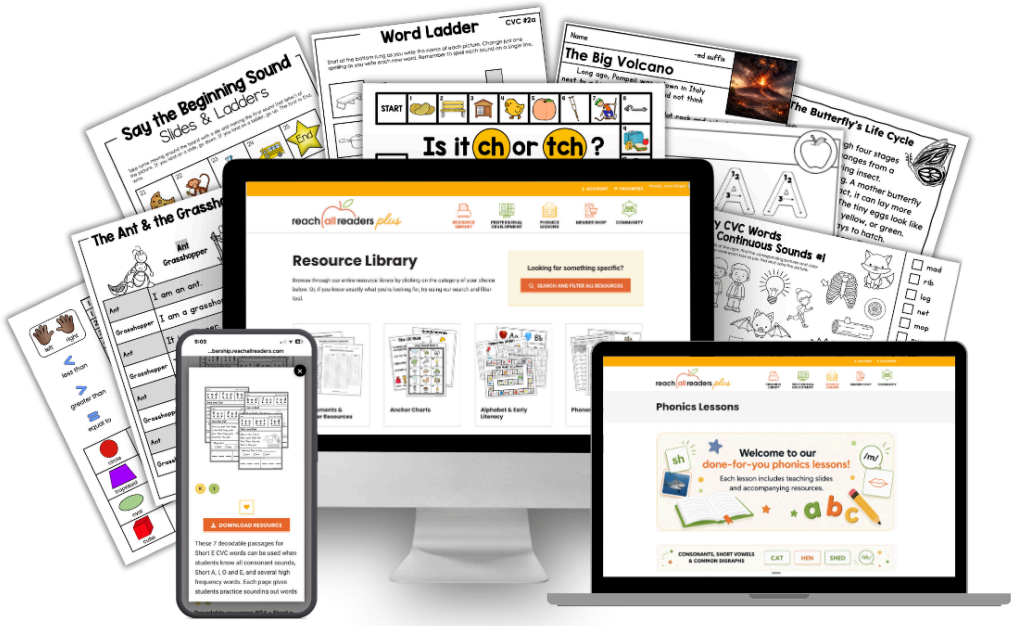

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Word Matrix: TEND, TENT & TENSE

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HOW TO USE

Use this morpheme matrix to help your students practice forming and spelling words with the base elements, TEND, TENT, and TENSE.

Begin by teaching the root. Here is a possible script for teaching the base elements TEND, TENT, and TENSE.

1. (Write “tend”, “tent”, and “tense” on the board.)

2. Our new base elements are “tend, tent, and tense.” Let’s read them together. (tend, tent, tense)

3. TEND, TENT, and TENSE all come from a Latin word meaning *stretch or strain.*

4. (Write “distend” 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 DISTEND. It means *to stretch out.*

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

    - intention
    - detention
    - tension
    - pretense
    - contended
    - tense
    - intensive
    - inattention
    - distend

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, TEND, TENT, and TENSE.

Students can work alone or in partners to build 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: at + tent + ion → attention

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