

DYSLEXIA AWARENESS MONTH •
STRUCTURED LITERACY INSTRUCTION:
TEACHING THE RHYME AND THE REASON
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DID YOU KNOW MOST WORDS THAT BEGIN WITH WR HAVE SOMETHING TO DO WITH TWISTING? THE W IS SILENT. ONLY THE /R/ SOUND IS PRONOUNCED.



WREATH



WRENCH



WRAP

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Did you know that the position of a letter in a word can predict its sound? For example, when the letter **a** follows the sound /w/, it is pronounced /o/.



WATCH



SQUASH



WASP

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Did you know that many words with **tw** have something to do with 2? Sometimes the **w** is silent; sometimes it is pronounced.



TWIN
TWICE



BETWEEN
TWO



TWIST
TWINE
ENTWINE

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Did you know that words can't end with **v** in our standard English spelling system? So, that's why a silent **e** was added to words like these:

I **HAVE** TO **GIVE** YOU CREDIT!
YOU DID **SOLVE** THE MYSTERY!

AN **ACTIVE** CURIOSITY WILL
SERVE YOU WELL!

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Uhhhh, what's a schwa?

In unstressed syllables, vowels may make the /ə/ sound. That's a schwa /ə/.



helicopter

banana

/ə/

balloon

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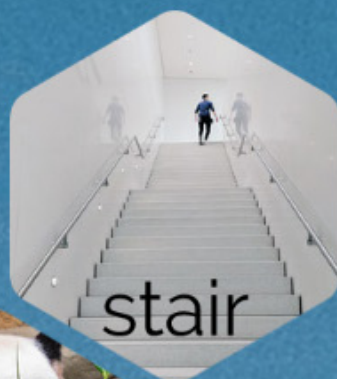
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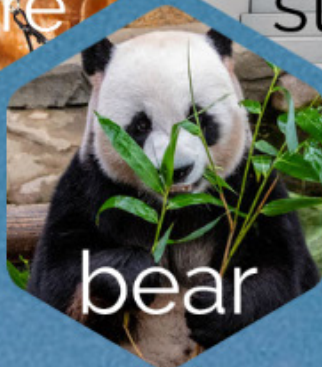
Did you know there is a difference between a rime and a rhyme? Think of rhyme as what you hear, and rime as what you see and hear.



mare



stair



bear

per/fect
chil/dren
lem/on

rhyme

rime

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Did you know that **or** makes the /er/ sound after a **w**?

W**OR**M



W**OR**K



/er/

W**OR**D



W**OR**LD



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Did you know there is a reliable way to pronounce suffix **-ed**?

When the base word ends in a voiced sound, like yell

-ed = /d/

yelled

When the base word ends in an unvoiced sound, like talk

-ed = /t/

talked

When the base word ends in a **t** or **d**, like shout

-ed = /e//d/

shouted

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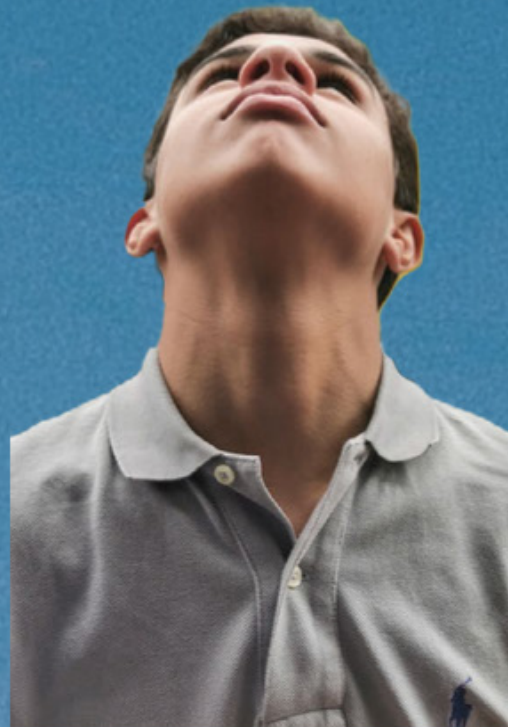
Did you know that spoken sounds can be **voiced** and unvoiced? Your vocal cords vibrate for **voiced** sounds like /v/, but not for unvoiced sounds like /f/.

VOICED

/b/

/j/

/z/



UNVOICED

/p/

/ch/

/s/





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Did you know that long ago when books were copied by scribes, the **u** was often changed to **o** when it was next to **m**, **n**, **v**, or **w**? That made it easier to read and left us with some unexpected sounds.

luve  love
uven  oven
munth  month
wun  won

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Did you know these words are all related to
the word **one**?

ALONE
all **one**

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ONLY
like **one**

NONE
not **one**

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Did you know that word study including **etymology** (origin and history of words) supports decoding, spelling, vocabulary, and comprehension?

check

ch = /ch/

Old English

chef

ch = /sh/

French

school

ch = /k/

Greek

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Did you know that word study including **morphology** (meaningful word parts such as affixes) supports decoding, spelling, vocabulary, grammar, and comprehension?

UNDENIABLE

deny (v.) = to refuse

un-

=

not

change y to
i when adding
vowel suffix

-able

changes
verb to
adjective

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Did you know that when **y** is used as a vowel in the middle of a word, it is usually of Greek origin?

y = /i/

g**y**m

s**y**ntax

s**y**nonym

origin?

y = /ī/

r**y**me

h**y**ena

c**y**cle

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Did you know that both letters in combination **gh** were pronounced in the past? Hundreds of years ago, sounds of the letters were dropped or altered in spoken language, but the spelling remained the same.

words ending
in **gh** = /f/

laugh

cough

rough

enough

words beginning
in **gh** = /g/

ghost

ghastly

ghetto

gherkin

words with
silent **gh**

high

right

daughter

through

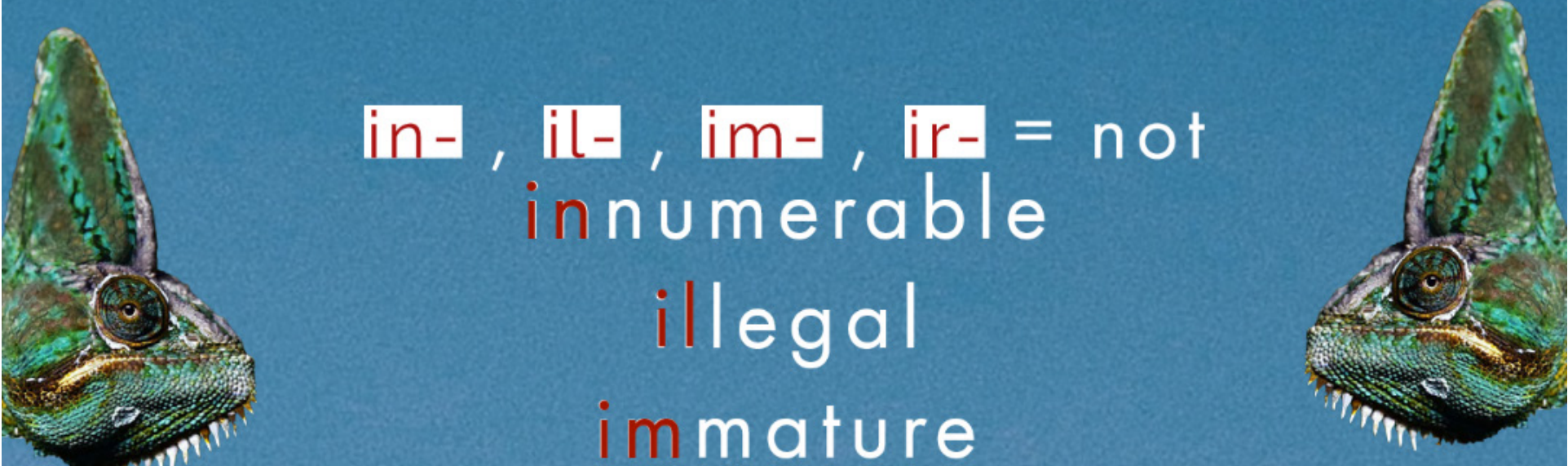
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Did you know that some prefixes change spelling when added to base words?
'Chameleon' prefixes change their spelling to be pleasing to the ear (euphony).



in- , **il-** , **im-** , **ir-** = not
innumerable
illegal
immature
irregular



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Did you know words spelling **/s/** with
sc are from Latin?

science
disc**sc**ipline
cre**sc**ent
mus**sc**le

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Did you know that both letters used to be pronounced in words beginning with **kn** & **gn**? Awkward! The sound changed, but the spelling didn't. Try "spelling pronunciation" to help teach these patterns (& they're fun to say).

k - knock

k - knee

k - nuckle

g - nat

g - narl

g - nash

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Did you know that a pangram is a sentence that contains all letters of the alphabet? It's a fun way to assess handwriting (letter formation).

The quick brown fox
jumps over the lazy
dog.

a b c d e f g h i j k l m n o p q r s t u v w x y z

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