

CaesarPleaser

extension activities



The game also reinforces the morphemic nature of English. Words are composed of meaning units. If one learns the building blocks, one can learn more than 100,000 new words.

- **GOOD FOR ADULT EDUCATION**

Accessible to readers who can manage a complex syllable. Extension for adult poor readers. This game offers adult struggling readers an opportunity to read Latin-based multi-syllable sophisticated vocabulary. The prefixes are simple decodable chunks; the roots are basically complex regular syllables with lax vowels; the endings are a small stable set of easy morphemes.

Adults can put together word parts into longer words. Initially they can use a prefix with a root: pro+spect, con+struct, pro+ject and eventually move on to pro+spec+tive, con+struct+ion, pro+ject+ive, etc. The roots can be studied for vocabulary, the prefixes for meaning change elements, and the suffixes for usage/part of speech.

- After a round of CaesarPleaser, make a list of your words. Pronounce them. Spell them. Define them. Determine the part of speech. Use every word in a sentence (oral and then written). Determine the number of syllables in the word. Draw a line across a page for each syllable. Then have the student say every chunk as he/she spells it onto the line. Check the spelling with the cards.
- **ROOT BRAINSTORM:**
Choose one root card. Have students brainstorm all of the words that they can think of with that root in it. Make a list of the words. Then discuss the meanings, use them in written and oral sentences. Instructor reads a Latin based word to the students. Have them listen for and identify the specific parts/morphemes in the words. They get a point for every correct morpheme.
- **MORPHEME AWARENESS TASK - PREFIX POWER:**
Make a draw pile of the prefix cards. Take ONE root card. Draw a prefix card and say the word. Determine whether or not it is a real word. If it is: keep it. The one with the most real words wins.
- **SAME ROOT/MANIPULATE PREFIXES:**
Re-verse, con-verse, in-verse, per-verse, ad-verse, a-verse, etc.
- **ROOT RACE:**
Brainstorm LATIN WORD LIST from every latin root. Do this as a group. Do it in competitive teams. Do it as an individual task. See who can make the most words from every root in the deck. For DUCT: conduct, induct, reduct, product, abduct, adduct, etc
- **PREFIX POWER:**
Line up an array of the prefix cards. Make a stack of the root cards. Move every root card to the right of the prefix cards. Say the word. If it is real, define it and get a point. Go through the list with every root card.
- **CAESAR CHALLENGE:**
Put out an array of 12 cards. Say "GO" and have students compete with one another to make as many words from the parts as possible.