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THE HIP HOP TEACHER



WORD WIZARD ACADEMY

Sight Words, Phonics, Prefixes & Suffixes

An Edutainment E-Book for Grades 3–6

Welcome to the Academy



Yo, yo, yo — what's up, superstar? I'm Mr. O the Hip Hop Teacher, and today we're gonna turn reading into a rhythm, spelling into a beat, and BIG words into bite-sized rhymes.

In this e-book you'll learn to:

- Read the top sight words like a champ
- Use phonics to sound out anything
- Master prefixes and suffixes
- Use etymology to remember words forever
- Study smart with Mr. O's favorite move — flash cards

Rule #1 of the Academy: If you can rap it, you can read it. If you can read it, you can spell it!

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1 • The Sound Lab

Phonics 101 – Sounds Before Letters

Phonics is matching letters to the sounds they make. When you can sound it out, you can read it out — even if you've never seen the word before.

The 5 Short Vowel Sounds

a as in cat **e as in bed** **i as in sit** **o as in hot** **u as in cup**

The 5 Long Vowel Sounds — They Say Their Name

a in cake **e in tree** **i in bike** **o in boat** **u in cute**

Digraphs — Two Letters, One Sound

sh – ship **ch – chin** **th – thin** **wh – whip** **ph – phone**

Mr. O's Rhyme: “Two letters, one sound — that's a digraph, throw your hands up, gather 'round!”

Blends — Two Letters, Two Sounds Squished Together

bl – black **st – stop** **tr – truck** **fl – flag** **sp – spin**

2 • Sight Word All-Stars

What Even Is a Sight Word?

Sight words are the words you see the MOST when you read. Some of them don't follow the normal phonics rules, so you gotta know 'em on sight — no sounding out needed. Think of them like the chorus of your favorite song: you just know it.

Mic Check: The top 100 sight words make up about HALF of everything you read. Half! Learn these and reading gets easier fast.

Pronounce It Like Mr. O

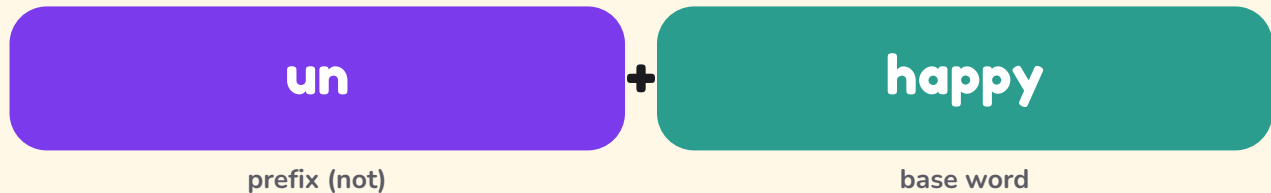
Word	Say It Like This	Sound Breakdown
the	thuh	th + uh
said	sed	s + ed (weird one — memorize)
was	wuzz	w + uh + z
are	arr	long a-r sound
have	hav	h + a + v (silent e!)
what	wut	wh + u + t
there	thair	th + air
their	thair	same sound, different meaning
they	thay	th + ay
because	buh-KUZ	be + cause
through	throo	th + r + oo (silent gh)
laugh	laff	l + a + f (gh = f here!)
friend	frend	f + r + end (silent i)
people	PEE-pul	peo + ple
once	wunss	w + u + n + s (starts with W sound)

Silent letters got you salty? Don't trip. English borrowed words from LOTS of languages. Silent letters are like left-over glitter from the OG spelling.

3 • Prefix Power-Ups

A prefix is a little group of letters you snap on the **FRONT** of a word to change its meaning. Think of it like a video game power-up.

Example: unhappy



un means not, so unhappy = not happy. Easy.

Top Prefixes to Know

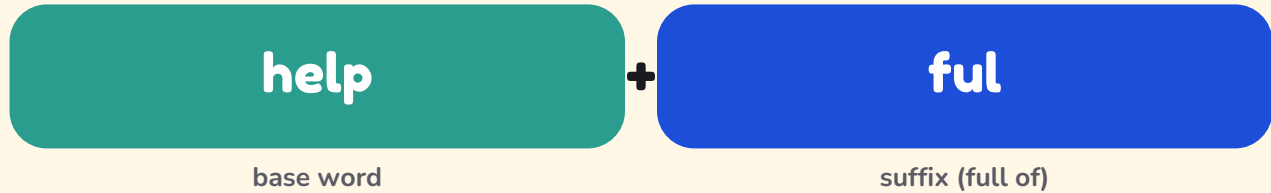
Prefix	Meaning	Example
un-	not, opposite of	unhappy, unlock, unfair
re-	again, back	redo, replay, return
pre-	before	preview, preheat, prepay
dis-	not, apart	disagree, dislike, disappear
mis-	wrong, bad	misspell, mistake, misbehave
sub-	under, below	submarine, subway, subtitle
super-	above, big	superstar, superhero, superhuman
tri-	three	triangle, tricycle, trio
bi-	two	bicycle, bilingual, biweekly
non-	not	nonsense, nonfiction, nonstop

Rap tip: “Add UN, add RE, add PRE to the front — new word, new meaning, that's the prefix stunt.”

4 • Suffix Superpowers

A suffix is a little group of letters you snap on the END of a word. Suffixes can change what a word MEANS or what JOB it does in a sentence.

Example: helpful



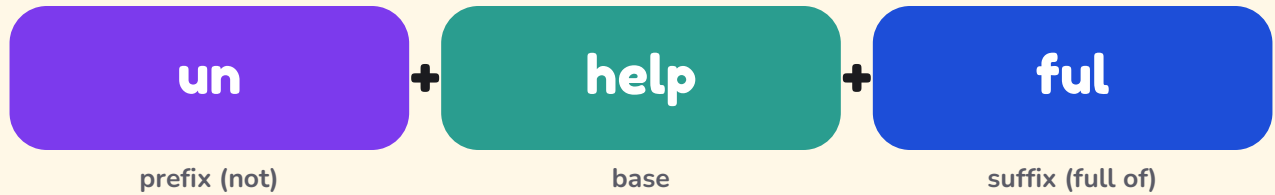
-ful means full of, so helpful = full of help.

Top Suffixes to Know

Suffix	Meaning	Example
-s / -es	more than one	cats, buses, wishes
-ed	past tense (already did)	walked, played, jumped
-ing	happening now	running, singing, learning
-er	person who does it / more	teacher, rapper, faster
-est	the most	biggest, coolest, smartest
-ful	full of	helpful, joyful, hopeful
-less	without	fearless, hopeless, endless
-ly	in that way	quickly, kindly, slowly
-tion	the act of	action, education, motion
-able	can be	readable, lovable, breakable

Big Word Breakdown

Watch what happens when we combine a prefix, a base word, and a suffix. Big words become bite-sized.



unhelpful = not full of help.



replayable = can be played again.

See it? Once you know the parts, big words aren't scary — they're just LEGO blocks you snap together.

5 • The Word Detective

Etymology – Where Words Come From

Etymology (say it: ETT-uh-MOL-uh-jee) is the story behind a word. English is a mash-up of Latin, Greek, French, Old English, and more. When you know a word's roots, you can spell it, remember it, and even guess new words you've never seen.

A root is the main part of the word — the heart of it. Add a prefix on the front and a suffix on the end and boom, you've got a whole new word.

Roots are the beat. Prefixes and suffixes are the ad-libs. Together they make the whole song.

Famous Roots (Learn One, Unlock Many)

Root	Language	Meaning	Words You Already Know
port	Latin	carry	porter, transport, portable, import
dict	Latin	say / speak	dictionary, predict, dictate
scrib / script	Latin	write	scribble, describe, script, subscribe
tele	Greek	far away	telephone, television, telescope
photo	Greek	light	photograph, photon, photocopy
bio	Greek	life	biology, biography, biosphere
geo	Greek	earth	geography, geology, geometry
aud	Latin	hear	audio, audience, audition
vid / vis	Latin	see	video, vision, visible, invisible
hydro	Greek	water	hydrate, hydrogen, hydraulic

Detective Trick – Break Any Word

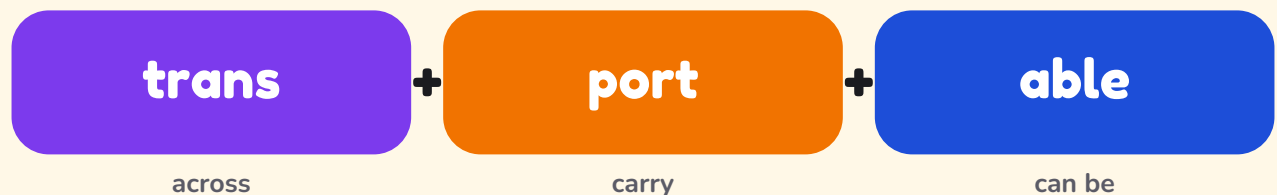
Take a big word and split it into parts. Match each part to a meaning you already know.



television = the act of seeing far away.



biography = the study of writing about a life.



transportable = can be carried across.

Boom — you just solved three big words like a real word detective.
Try this trick on any long word you meet.

6 • Mr. O's Flash Card Method

My #1 Study Move

Flash cards are little cards with a word on one side and a hint or meaning on the other. They're small, portable, and turn studying into a game.

What a Mr. O Flash Card Looks Like



Front: the word. Top strip color: the tricky part. Bottom text: how to say it + a memory hint.

How to Make Your Own — 5 Steps

- 1** Cut cards. Use index cards or cut paper into rectangles.
- 2** Front side: write the word BIG in your favorite color.
- 3** Back side: write how to say it, what it means, and a picture or emoji.
- 4** Read it out loud 3 times when you make it. Say the sounds, then the word.
- 5** Test yourself. Look at the front, say it, then flip. Right? Keep. Wrong? Practice pile.

Mr. O's Flash Card Games

Five ways to turn your flash cards into a full-on party. Pick one, press play, and stack those wins.

- 1 Beat the Clock**
Set a timer for 60 seconds. See how many cards you can read correctly. Try to beat your record every day.
- 2 Sort the Stack**
Make three piles: “Got it”, “Almost”, and “Gotta practice.” Study the last pile the most.
- 3 Rap It Back**
Say each word to a beat. Clap the syllables out loud: be-CAUSE (clap-CLAP), thrOUGH (CLAP).
- 4 Partner Battle**
You quiz a friend, they quiz you. First to 10 correct wins bragging rights and a high-five.
- 5 Spelling Sprint**
Look at the card, close your eyes, spell the word out loud, then flip and check. Fastest streak wins.

Real talk: your brain remembers what your body does. Say it, write it, clap it, rap it — that's how it sticks.

7 • Spelling Tricks & Rhymes

Mr. O's Spelling Cheat Codes

Chunk it. Break the word into parts: friend = fri + end. Say “Fri the END of my friend.”

Say it wrong on purpose. Say Wed-nes-day (WED-nez-day) when you spell it. Sounds silly, works great.

Look–Say–Cover–Write–Check. LOOK at the word. SAY it. COVER it. WRITE it from memory. CHECK your spelling. Repeat.

Air spelling. Trace the letters in the air with your finger. Big movement = better memory.

Make a mnemonic. Because = Big Elephants Can Always Understand Small Elephants.

Rhyme the rule. “I before E, except after C — or when it sounds like AY, as in neighbor and weigh.”

Color the tricky part. In friend, color the silent e-i-flip in red so your eyes remember it.

Sing it. Turn the letters into a beat: F-R-I-E-N-D (clap, clap, clap). Melody = memory.

Common Confusables – Watch Out

Word	Means	Word	Means
their	belongs to them	there	in that place
they're	they are	your	belongs to you
you're	you are	its	belongs to it
it's	it is	to	toward
too	also / more than enough	two	the number 2

8 • Practice Zone

Round 1 – Sound It Out

Say each word out loud. Clap the syllables. Then spell it from memory.

1. jumping 2. rewrite 3. unlucky 4. helpful 5. quickly

Round 2 – Prefix or Suffix?

Circle the prefix or suffix in each word and write what it means.

Word	Circle This Part	What It Means
unlock	un-	_____
playful	-ful	_____
reread	re-	_____
fearless	-less	_____
preview	pre-	_____
singer	-er	_____

Round 3 – Detective Work

Break each word into its parts. Use what you learned about roots!

Word	Parts	Guess the Meaning
transport	trans + port	_____
biography	bio + graph + y	_____
invisible	in + vis + ible	_____
telephone	tele + phone	_____
photograph	photo + graph	_____

9 • Keep the Party Going



You Just Levelled Up.

You learned phonics, sight words, prefixes, suffixes, etymology, AND the flash card method.
That's a whole toolbox in your backpack.

Practice a little every day. Small reps, BIG results. That's the Mr. O way.

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