Year 3 – Summer Block 3 – Word Families – Root Words, Prefixes and Suffixes

Notes and Guidance

- From previous steps covered in KS1, children should be familiar with some prefixes and suffixes. They should know that these are groups of letters that make no sense alone but can be added to the start or end of words to change the original meaning of the word.
- In this step, children will look at identifying root words and understand how words are related in the way they are formed.
- Root words cannot be separated into smaller words, as they are already in their simplest form. However, a root word can be made longer by adding a prefix or suffix, for example; lock; lock + er = locker, lock + ing = locking, un + lock = unlock.
- Using the familiar prefix 'un' and the suffixes '-ing', '-ed', '-er', '-ment', '-ness', '-ful', '-less' and the comparative and superlative suffixes '-er' and 'est', children will be able to identify the relationship between words.
- They will also be able to identify the root word that connects these words.

Focused Questions

- Underline the root words in the following words.
- Sort the words into correct groups: prefix, suffix or root?
- Match the prefix or suffix to the correct root word.
- Match words which have the same meaning, e.g 'unlock' and 'open'.

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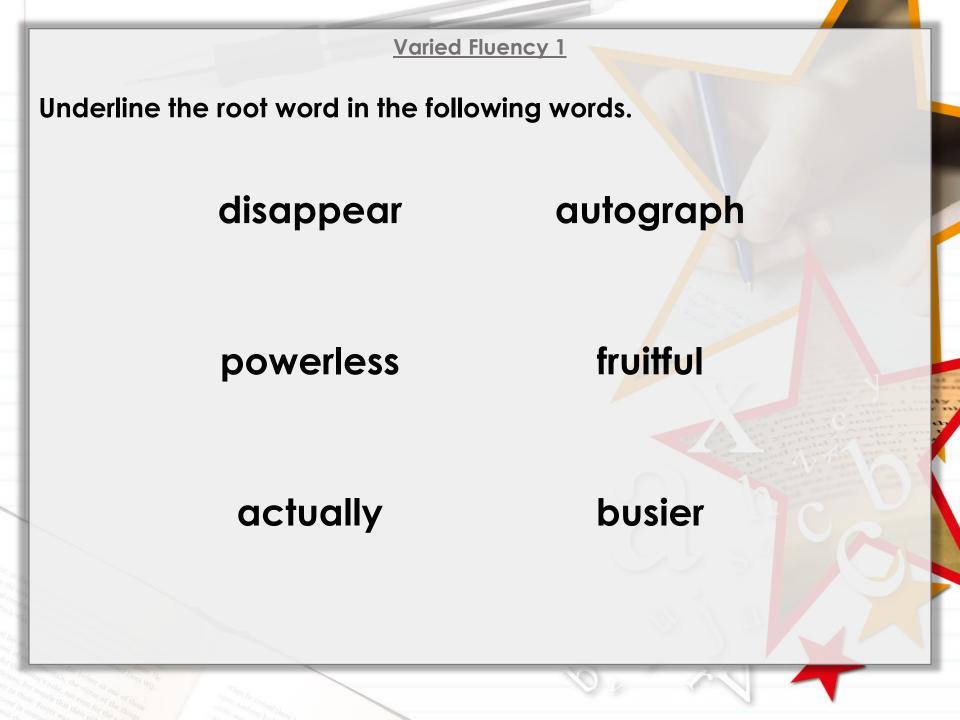
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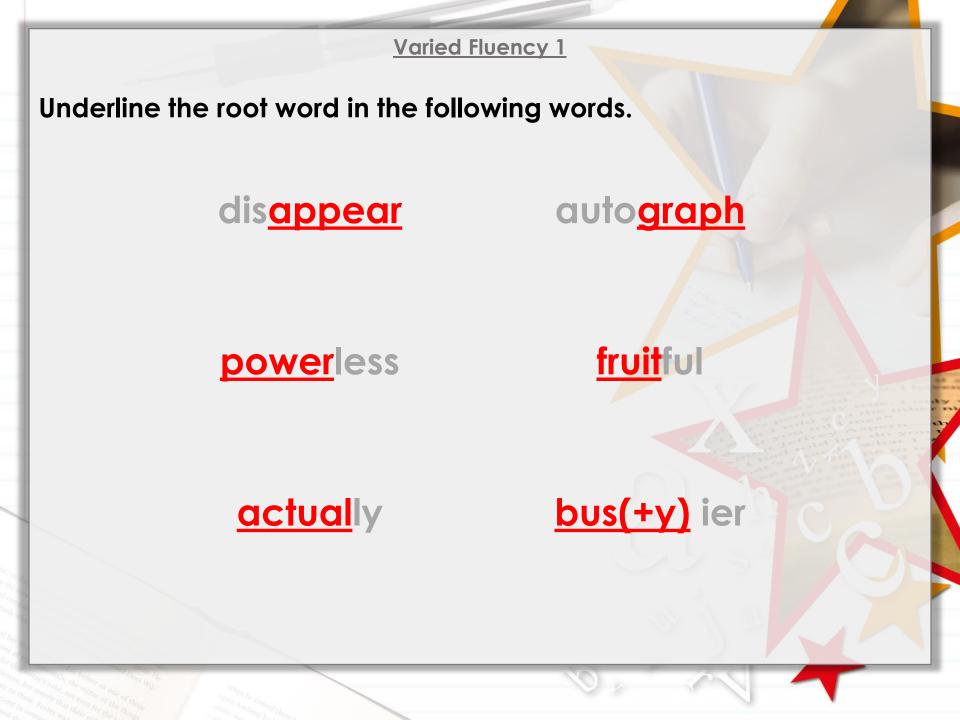
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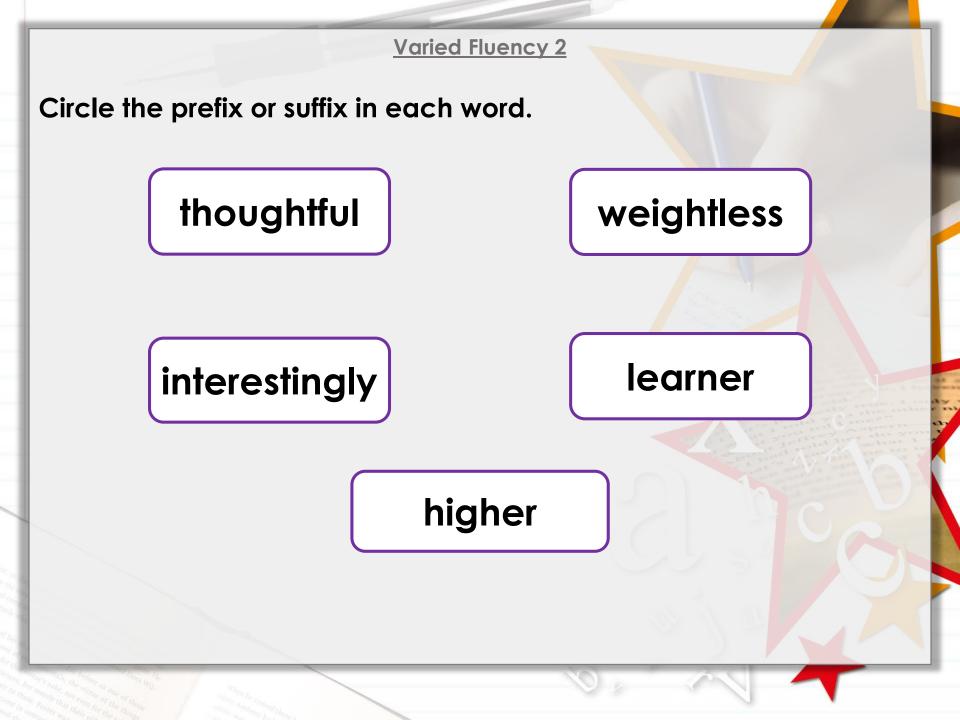
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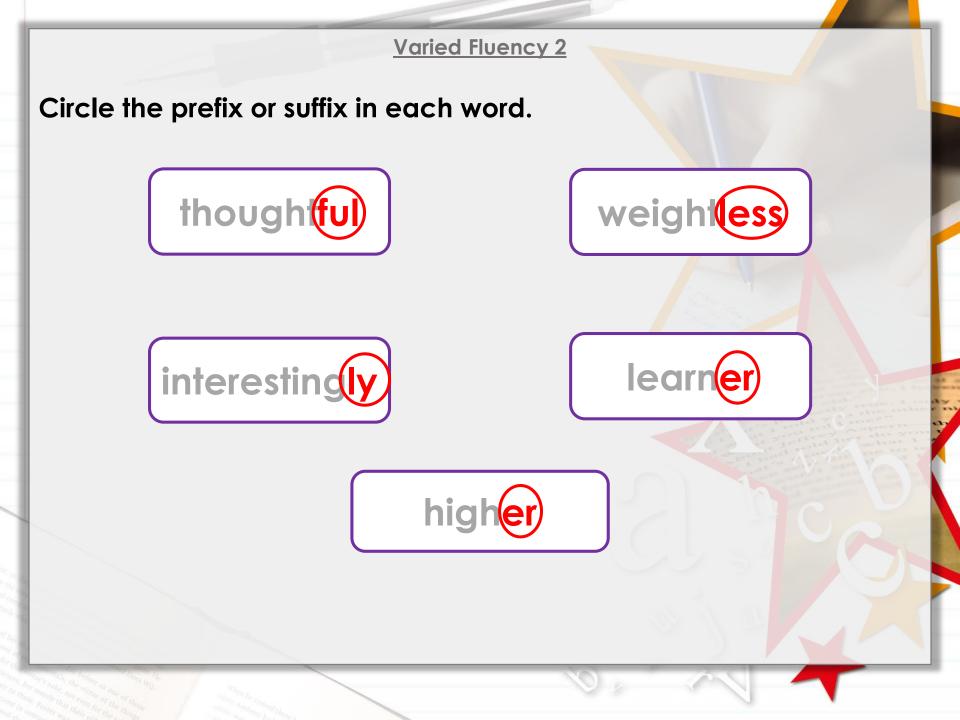
Identify the odd ones out from the underlined words below. 'rest' is a verb and is not adding the suffix '-est'. 'full' is an adjective not to be confused with the suffix '-ful'. All the other underlined words have suffixes added to a root word.

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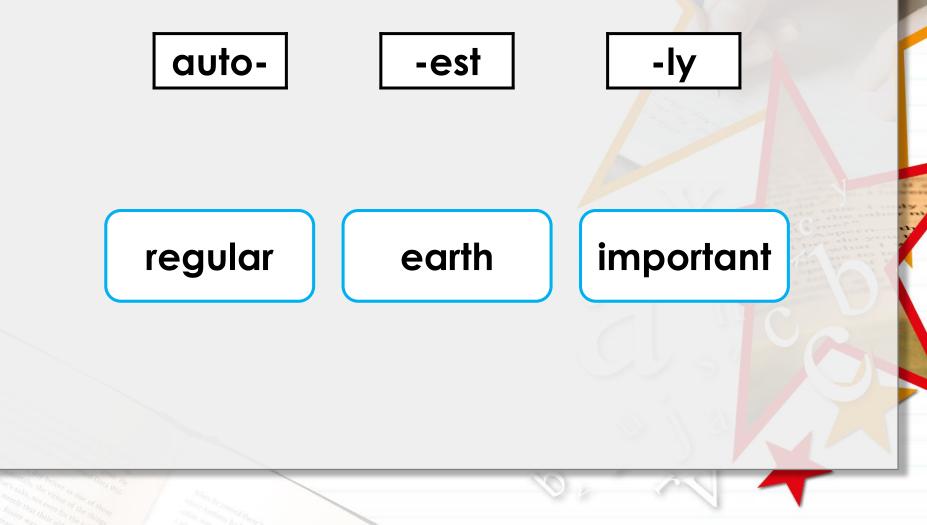






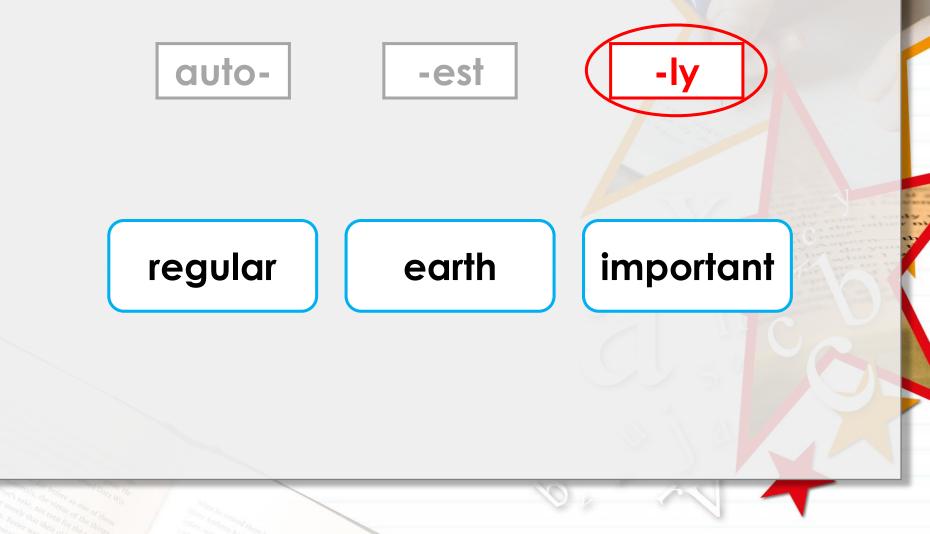


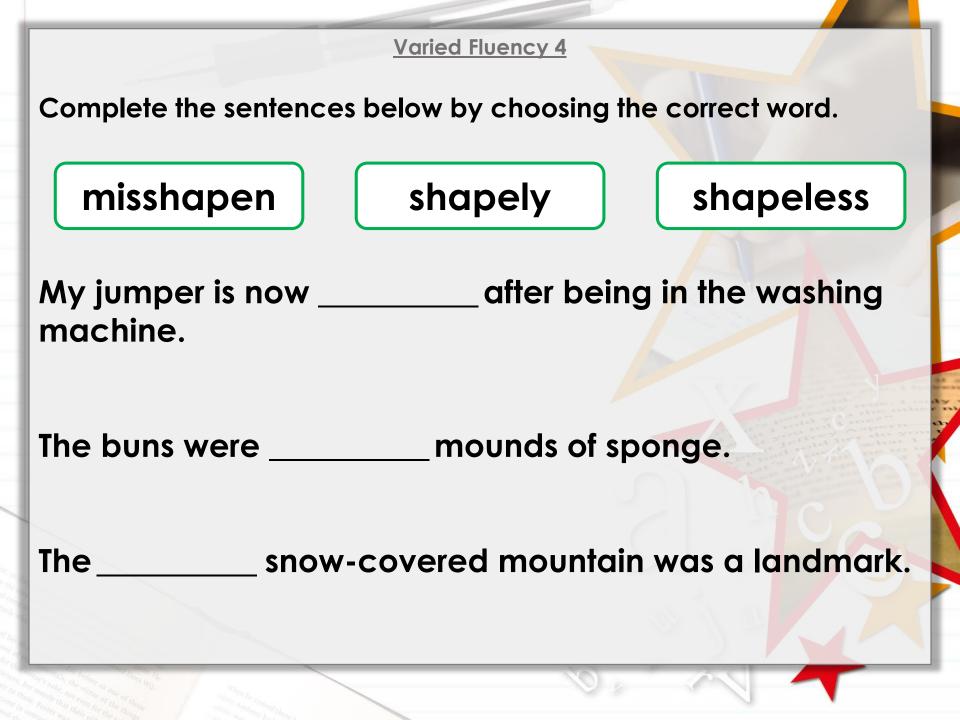
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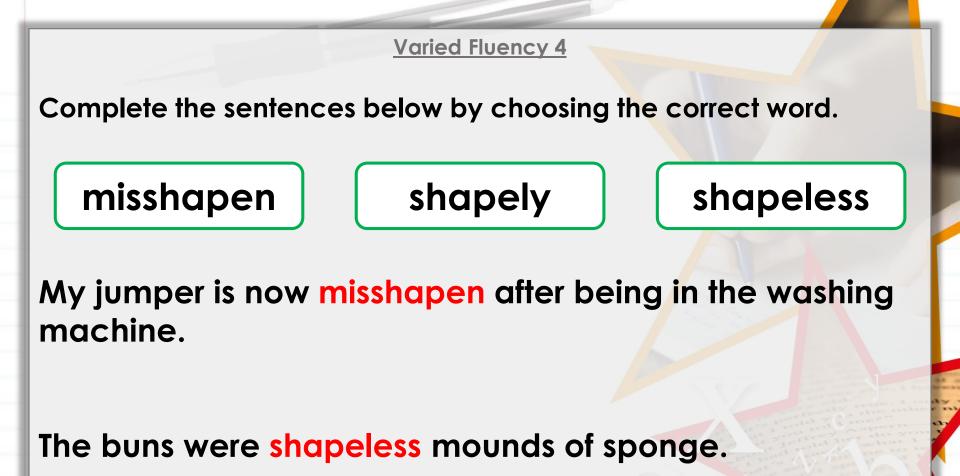


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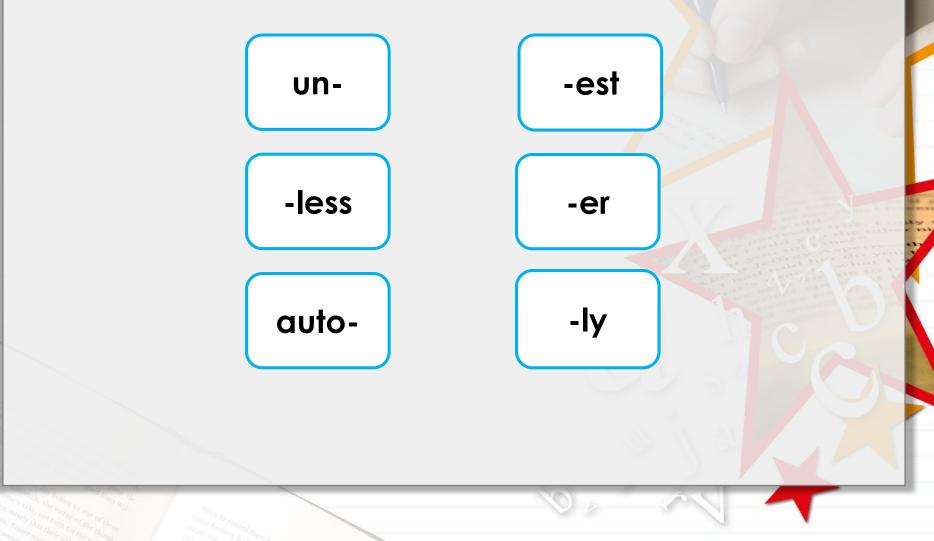




The shapely snow-covered mountain was a landmark.

Application 1

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unopen, opener, openly

