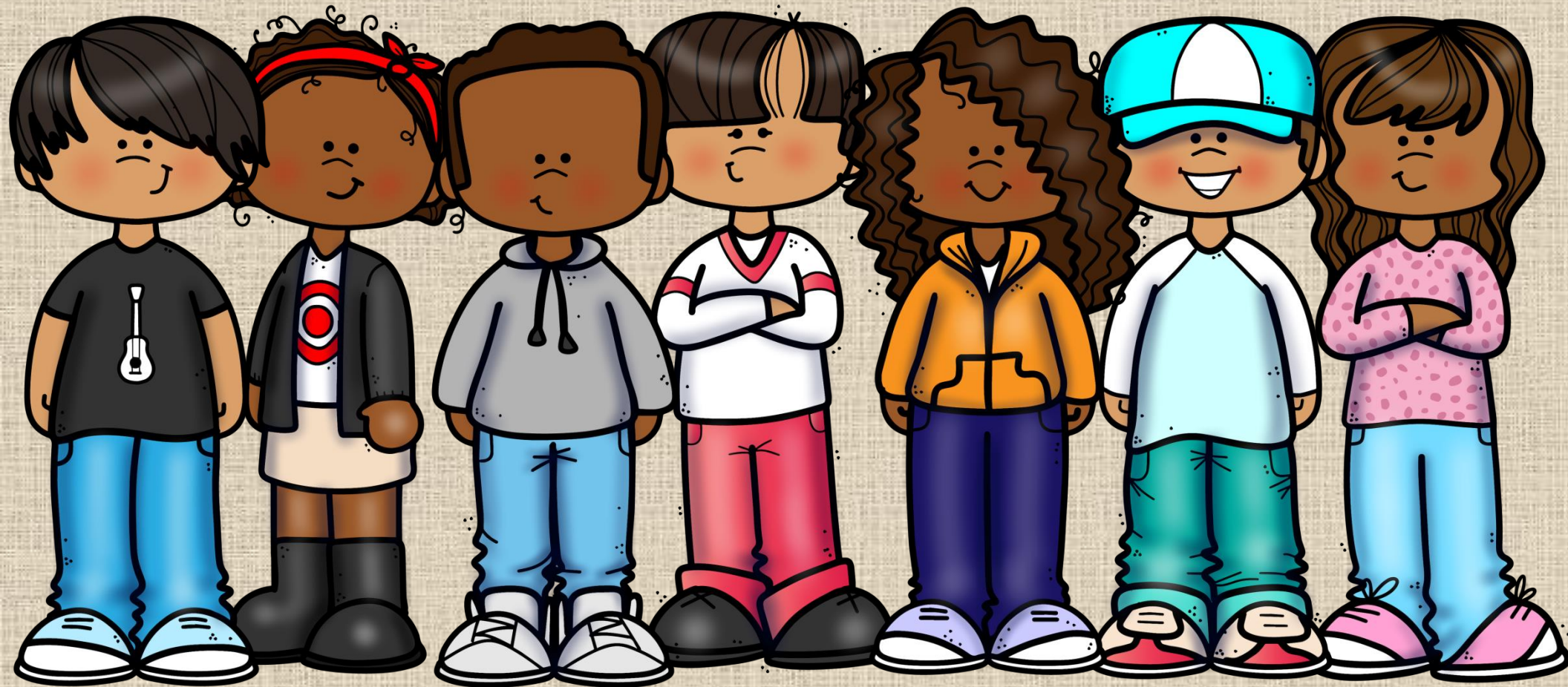


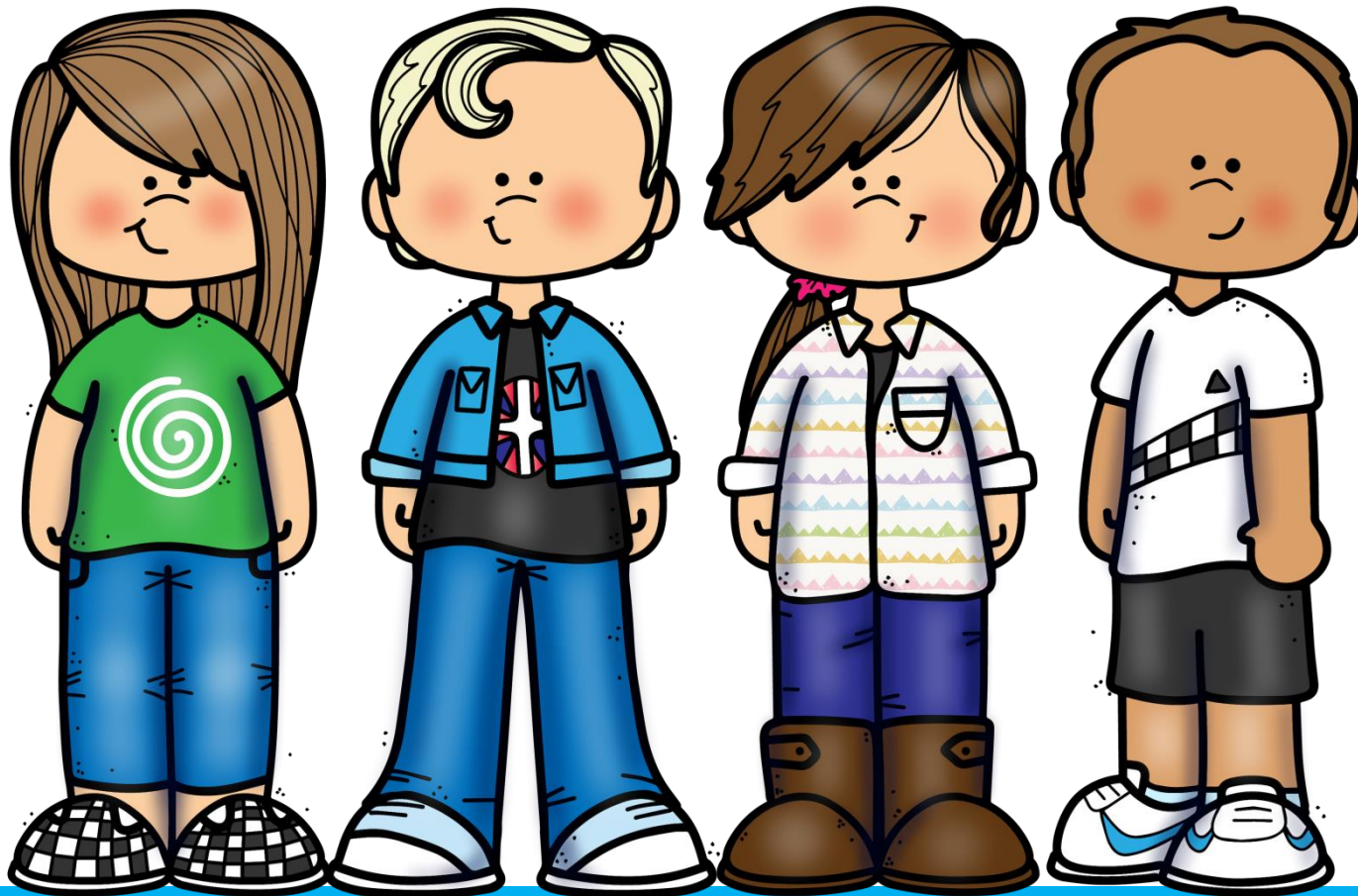
# Links to Prefix Activities



This post brings together various teaching resources and ideas I've developed over time to teach prefixes. While different programs were used to create these activities, making it challenging to compile them into a single handout, I've included as many activities as possible. For those that couldn't be included, I've provided links. This handout offers a mix of resources to help teach prefixes, including:

- links to resources, product samples, and free printables
- teaching ideas that don't require printables
- printable games

All the resources are free, except for the advertising on the final page.



# Free Prefix Mini Lesson

Digital & Printable Organizer with Teaching Video

**PREFIX**


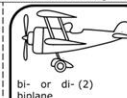
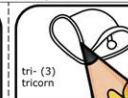



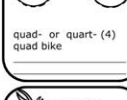
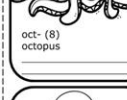
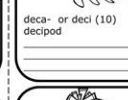
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**Examples:**  
groups of musicians "-tet"  
quartet ( \_\_\_\_\_ musicians)  
octet ( \_\_\_\_\_ musicians)

number of events in an athletic competition "-athlon"  
biathlon ( \_\_\_\_\_ events)  
triathlon ( \_\_\_\_\_ events)  
decathlon ( \_\_\_\_\_ events)

Sat 2 (Numbers)

Fill in the blanks. Add to the list of words beginning with each prefix.

 uni- (1) unicorn	 bi- or di- (2) biplane	 tri- (3) tricorn
 quad- or quart- (4) quad bike	 oct- (8) octopus	 deca- or deci (10) decipod
 cent- (100) centipede	 kilo- (1,000) kilowatt	 poly- or multi- (many) multicolored

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This is a free sample lesson from my Vocabulary Series.

This is the [digital version](#).

Here you will find the [printable version](#).

See the teaching video on [Youtube](#).




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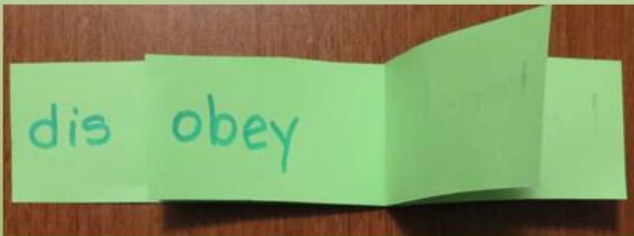
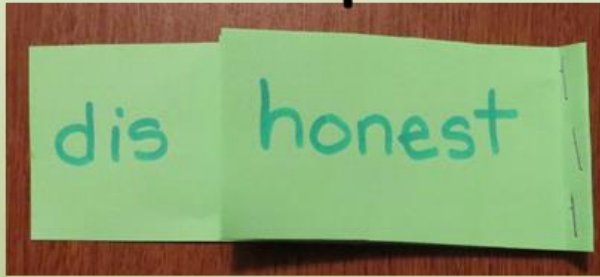
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Change the blanks to words to explain number prefixes. Add to the list of words beginning with each prefix.

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# Prefix Flip Book

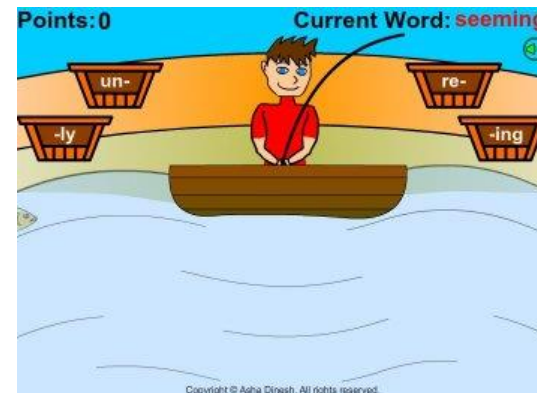


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This idea doesn't have a link. I've included the instruction here for a quick reference.

1. First, cut the paper into approximately 1 by 5-inch strips.
2. Next, cut an additional piece of paper 1 by 7 inches long.
3. Stack the pages together with the 7-inch piece on the bottom.
4. Line all the pages evenly at one end and staple them together to form a book with turning pages.
5. Finally, students write the prefix on the 7-inch piece of paper. On each page of the stack, they write an additional word (base word) that can be used with the prefix.
6. The book flips where each word can be read and discussed. Our books contained 8 pages; however, you can make them with more or fewer pages.

One way to greatly expand your student's vocabulary is to teach prefixes and suffixes. When I first created this webpage, it had 19 links to online prefix games. Over time several companies have remove their free online games. The page currently has four games. You can see them here: [free online games](#) .



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Practice With Prefixes 1

Click and drag the correct prefix to the front of the highlighted word.

It means not usual.

usual

**pre-    dis-    post-    in-    un-**

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prefixes  
find out the word made of the prefix and the word under the picture

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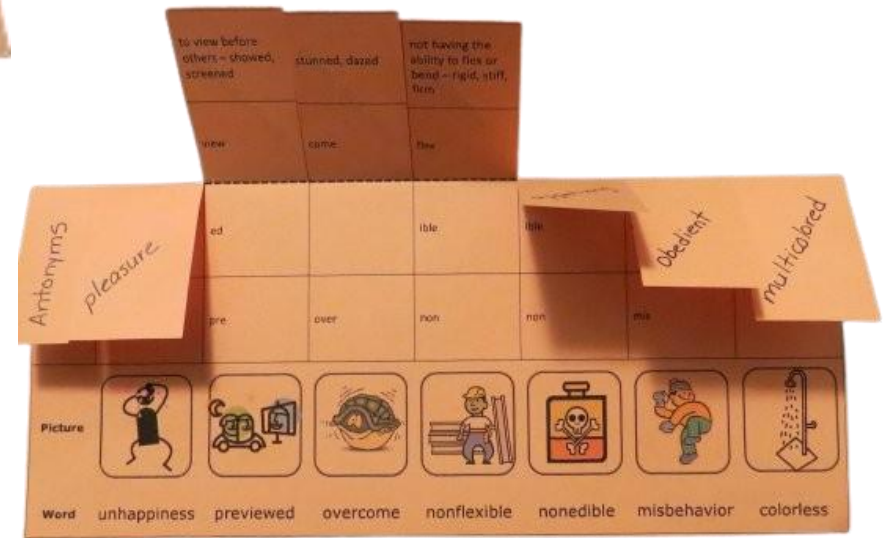
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Here is another teaching idea without a link.

1. Using large flip chart paper, draw three to four vertical lines to form columns.
2. Next, label each column with one prefix.
3. On sticky notes, write base or root words that form real words when added to **one** of the prefixes listed on top of the anchor chart. Note: When completing this activity for the first time, using base words that only form one real word works best. For example, **turn** only forms a real word when the prefix **re-** is added. Nonturn, unturn, and disturn are not real words.
4. Students place the sticky notes onto the anchor chart in the column that forms a real word.
5. Complete this activity in small groups, as part of a learning center, or as an early finisher project.

The foldable prefix organizer is a hands-on, interactive tool that helps students break down and understand the components of words, particularly focusing on prefixes. This foldable handout is divided into multiple sections that guide students through analyzing word structure, giving them the opportunity to identify and learn the meanings of various prefixes, suffixes, and root words.



[Blank Prefix and Suffix Organizer](#)

[Containing Words Prefix and Suffix Organizer](#)

[Answer Key for Prefix and Suffix Organizer](#)

## How the Organizer Works:

The organizer includes six columns labeled with key elements: **meaning**, **root word**, **prefix**, **suffix**, **picture**, and **word**. Students will complete this chart by identifying and filling in each section based on given or researched words.

**Meaning:** In the first column, students write the definition of the word, focusing on how the prefix affects its meaning. For example, "the condition of not being happy" for the word *unhappiness*.

**Root Word:** Students identify the root or base word in the next column, which is the word without any prefixes or suffixes. For *unhappiness*, the root word would be *happy*.

**Prefix:** In this column, students write the prefix that modifies the meaning of the root word. Using the example above, they would write *un-* in the prefix column for *unhappiness*.

**Suffix:** If applicable, students include the suffix in the suffix column. For words like *unhappiness* or *nonflexible*, they would fill in *-ness* or *-ible*.

**Picture:** To make the learning experience more visual, students can draw a small picture or symbol that represents the word's meaning. This helps reinforce vocabulary through visual association, for example, a sad face to represent *unhappiness*.

**Word:** In the final column, students combine the prefix, root word, and suffix (if applicable) to write the complete word, such as *previewed* or *nonedible*.

## Example of a Completed Organizer:

Meaning: "The condition of not being happy"

Root Word: *happy*

Prefix: *un-*

Suffix: *-ness*

Picture: A sad face

Word: *unhappiness*

This activity helps students visually dissect and analyze words, reinforcing their understanding of how prefixes and suffixes modify meaning. Additionally, students get practice applying their knowledge by completing the foldable organizer and learning to use new vocabulary in context. This organizer is versatile and can be used for individual study, group work, or as a classroom center activity.



Students will enjoy creating this [12-page mini-booklet](#) that practices with 10 prefixes that mean “not” or “the opposite.”

a-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>away, from, or off</li> <li>not or without</li> </ul>
an- (before vowels and h)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>not, without, or lacking</li> </ul>
anti-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>against or opposed to</li> <li>preventing</li> </ul>
counter-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>opposite to</li> <li>similar in function or purpose</li> </ul>
de-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>away from or off</li> <li>down or lower</li> <li>undo or reverse an action</li> </ul>
dis-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>not or lack of</li> <li>away or apart</li> </ul>
for-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>prohibit</li> <li>wrongness</li> <li>intensive force</li> </ul>
in- [i, im, ir, ig]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>not or without</li> </ul>
non-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>not, not having, or failure to</li> </ul>
un-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>not</li> <li>back or reverse</li> </ul>

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**in- (changes to il-, im-, ir-, ig-)**

immature		not completely grown or developed; not mature

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**an-**

anorexia		disorder marked by the inability to eat or the persistent refusal of food

**counter-**

counteract		to overcome or lessen the effect of through opposition or opposite action

**for-**

forbid		to give orders that prevent or prohibit

**Word List**  
[All of these prefixes have a negative meaning. They do not all mean 'not.']

prefix	meaning	examples
a-	away, from, or off not or without	apolitical, atheist, apathy, aphasia, atrophy, atypical
an-	not, without, or lacking	anarchy, anonymous, anemia, anarchy, anesthesia
anti-	against or opposed to preventing	antibiotic, antiseptic, antithesis, antibody, antinomy, antifreeze, antipathy, antibiotic, antidepressant, antidote, anticlockwise, antinuclear, antisocial, antislavery
counter-	opposite to similar in function or purpose	contradict, counteract, contravene, contrary, counterspy, contrapuntal, countermand
de-	away from or off down or lower undo or reverse an action	detach, deploy, derange, decrease, deodorize, devoid, deflate, degenerate, devalue, deactivate, deform, degrade, deplete
dis-	not or lack of away or apart	dismiss, differ, disallow, disperse, dissuade, divide, disconnect, disproportion, disrespect, distemper, disarray, disagree, distrust, disrepair, disinfect, disappoint, discover, disloyal, discontinue, displease, discontent, dislodge
for-	prohibit wrongness intensive force	forbid, forget, forgo, forsake
in-	not or without	illegible, irresolute, inaction, inviolate, innocuous, intractable, innocent, impregnable, impossible, imposter, injustice, inconvenient, illegal, immoral, inconsiderate, irresponsible
non-	not, not having, or failure to	nonfat, nonsense, nonfiction, nonliving, nontoxic, nonpayment, nonrefundable, nonferrous, nonabrasive, nondescript, nonaggressive, nonessential, nonchalant, nonconformist
un-	not back or reverse	unceasing, unequal, unfriendly, unfinished, unskilled, ungraceful, unhealthy, unlimited, unsteady, unfasten, uncommon

**un-**

unhappy		

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**in- (changes to il-, im-, ir-, ig-)**

The prefix in- changes spelling primarily to make words easier to say. To remember the different spellings use this mnemonic device:

LeMoNRiG

<b>L</b>	Use il- when the stem begins with "l."		illegal not legal
<b>M</b>	Use im- when the stem begins with "m," "b," or "b."		immortal not subject to death
<b>N</b>	In- can change to il-, im-, ir-, and ig-.		inactive not much physical activity
<b>R</b>	Use ir- when the stem begins with "r."		irrigate put water on
<b>G</b>	Use ig- only before stems beginning with "n."		ignore not paying attention to

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**dis-**

disappear		to be no longer seen

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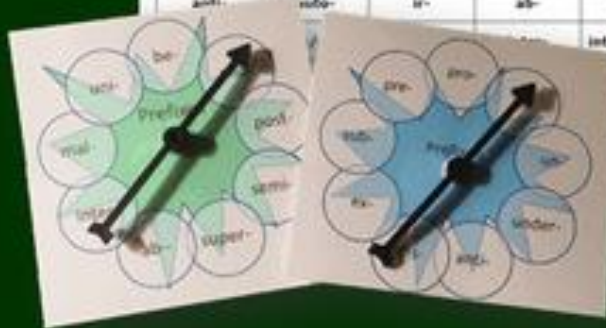
**anti-**

antidote		remedy for counteracting the effects of poison, disease, etc.

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# Prefix Spinner Game

Prefixes	Prefixes	Prefixes Meaning Not	Prefixes	Prefixes
pre-	bi-	un-	be-	ante-
pro-	co-	dis-	mid-	counter-
re-	de-	in-	post-	dys-
sub-	en-	il-	semi-	hyper-
under-	tri-	im-	super-	trans-
anti-	sub-	ir-	ab-	inter-
				intra-/intro-
				micro-
				pseudo-



Created by Gay Miller

This free game is provided at my Teachers Pay Teachers store. Students play this Prefix Spinner Game like BINGO.

[Download the game here.](#)

# Prefix Game

## Prefix Game Instructions

**Number of Players:** 2 to 4

### Instructions for Making the Game:

Print the game boards, word cards, and answer keys on heavyweight paper.

Laminate the materials for durability and repeated use.

### Instructions for Playing the Game:

Players decide who goes first by rolling a die.

On their turn, a player draws a card.

The player then looks at the prefixes on the game board and moves their marker to the first space on the trail that forms a real word by adding the prefix from the game board to the root word on the card.

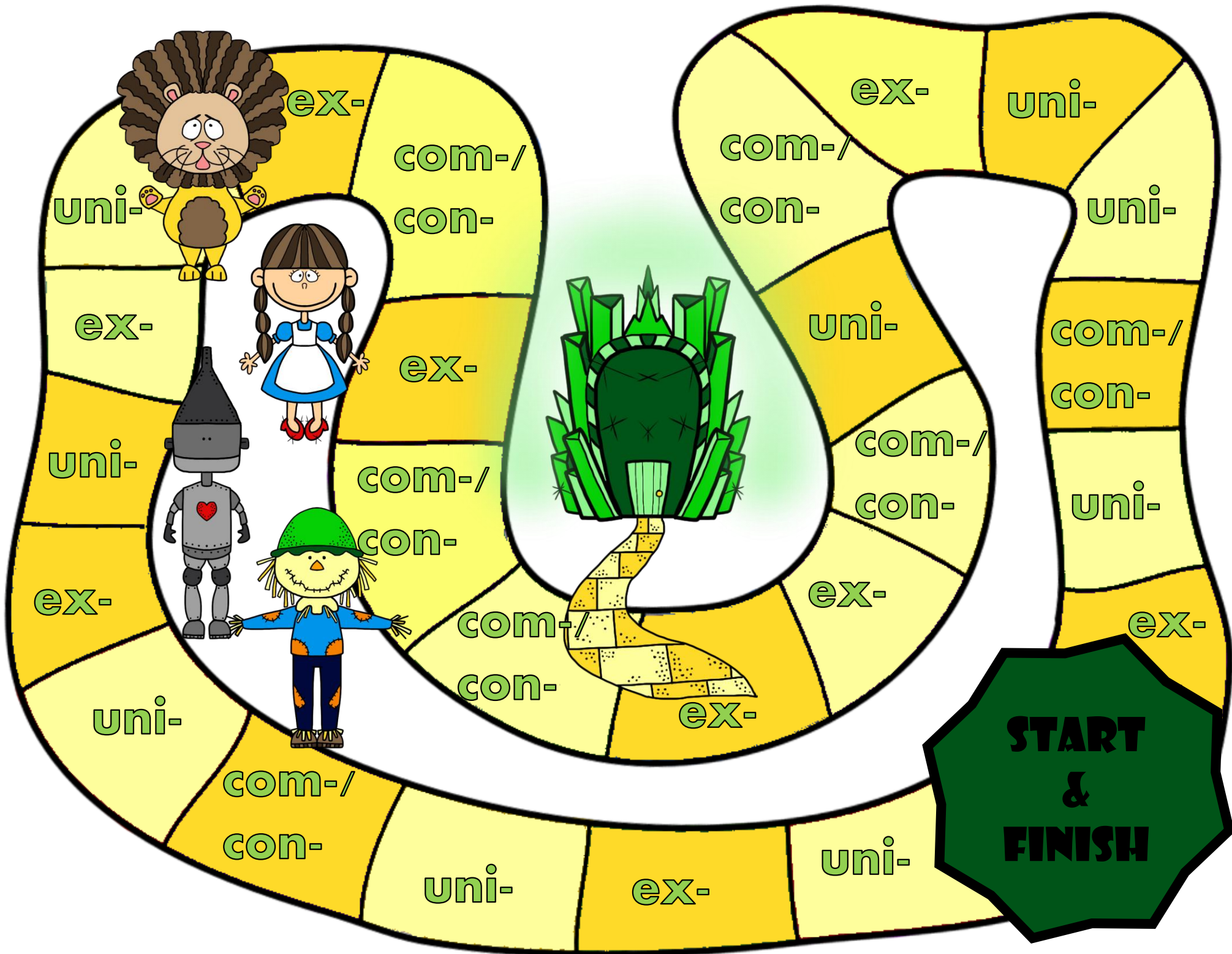
If a player reaches the last few spaces of the trail and cannot form a real word, they must wait and try again on their next turn.

The first player to reach the finish line wins.



# Prefix Game Answer Key

com-/con-	uni-	ex-
combine	unicycle	exceed
command	uniform	exclusive
commend	universe	exhale
compete	unify	explosion
community	unilateral	exterminate
companion	unique	extract
company	unison	extrude
compact	unicorn	excerpt
commune	university	exclude
compare	unified	expire
communicate	unicolor	exception
compress	unicellular	extinguish
complete		extra
composition		extreme
concord		extent
condemn		exterior
condescend		extravagant
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concoct		expiration
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conductor		expedition
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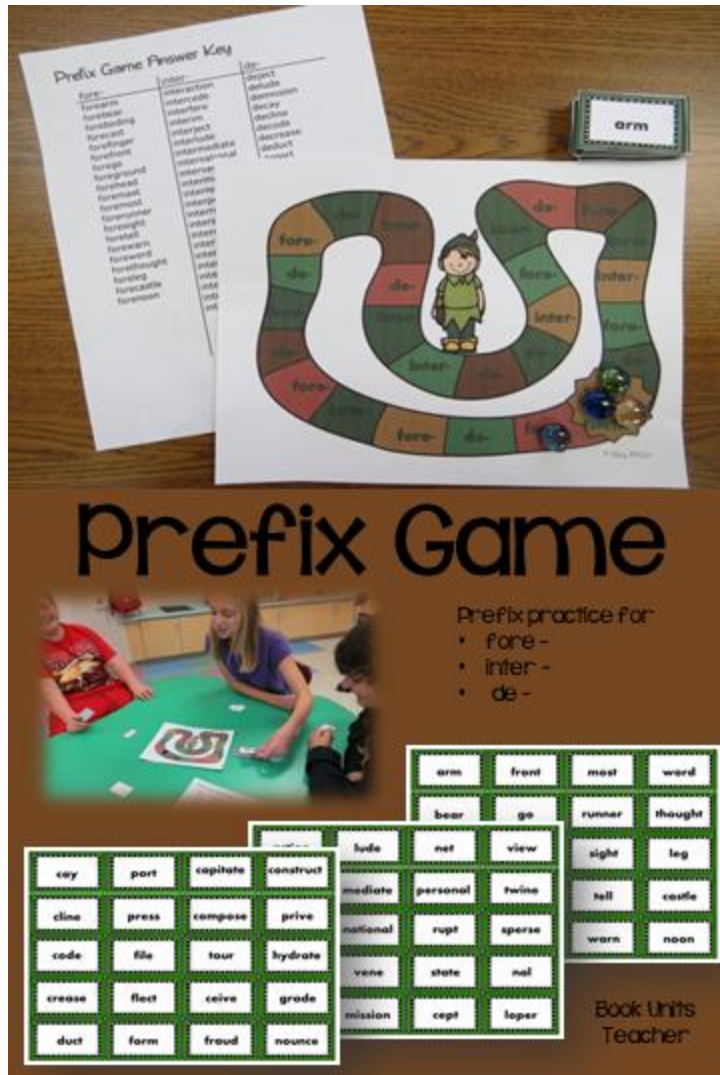
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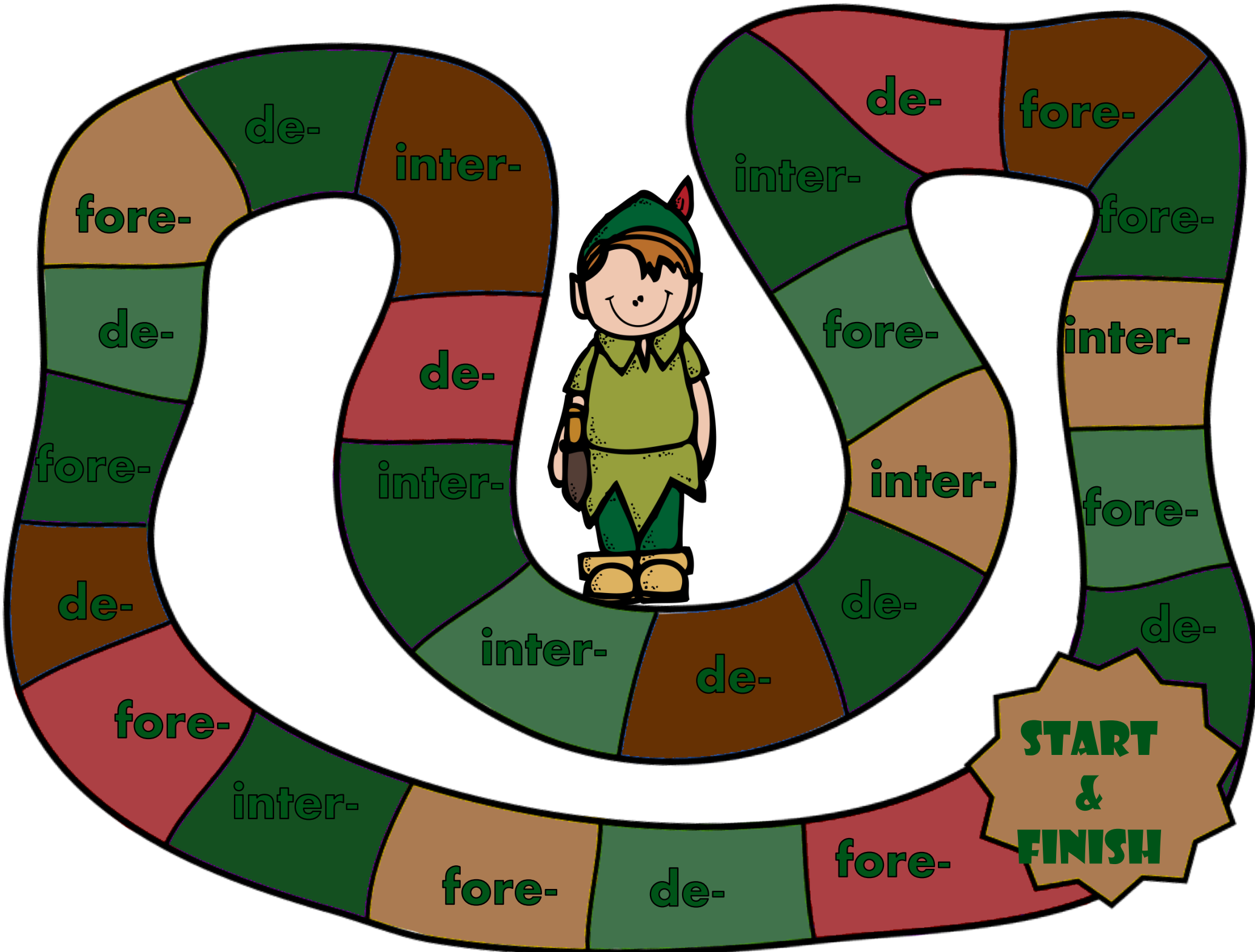
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forearm	interaction	deject
forebear	intercede	delude
foreboding	interfere	demission
forecast	interim	decay
forefinger	interject	decline
forefront	interlude	decode
forego	intermediate	decrease
foreground	international	deduct
forehead	intervene	deport
foremast	intermission	depress
foremost	internet	defile
forerunner	interpersonal	deflect
foresight	interrupt	deform
foretell	interstate	decapitate
forewarn	intercept	decompose
foreword	interview	detour
forethought	intertwine	deceive
foreleg	intersperse	defraud
forecastle	internal	deconstruct
forenoon	interloper	deprive
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	intergrade	degrade
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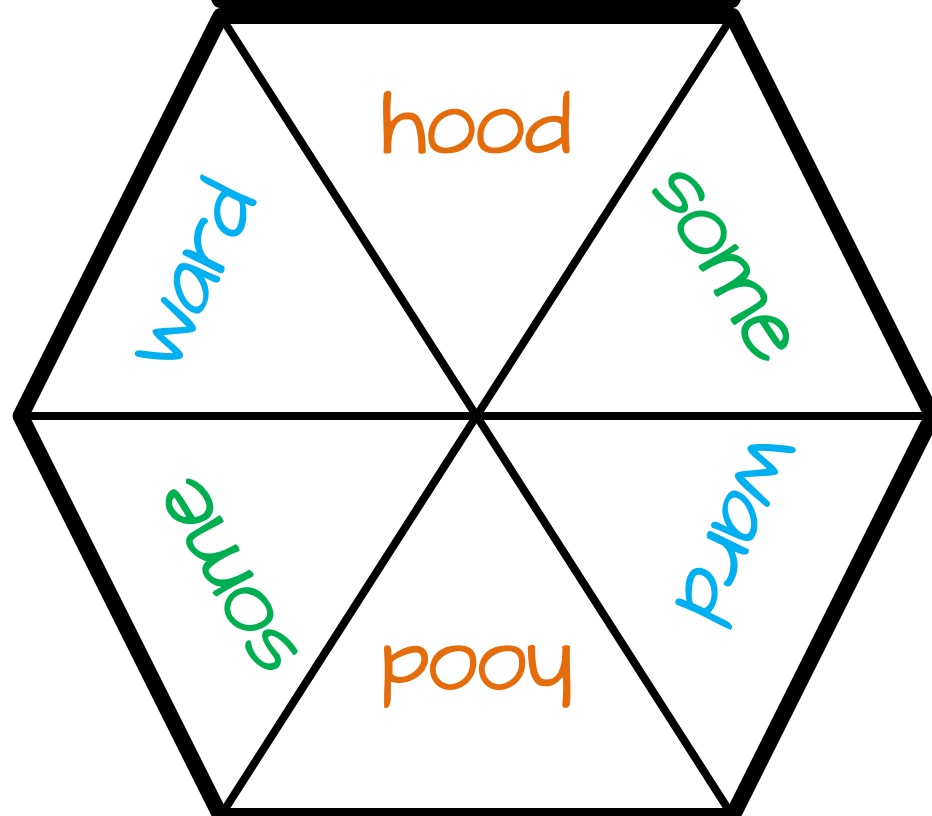
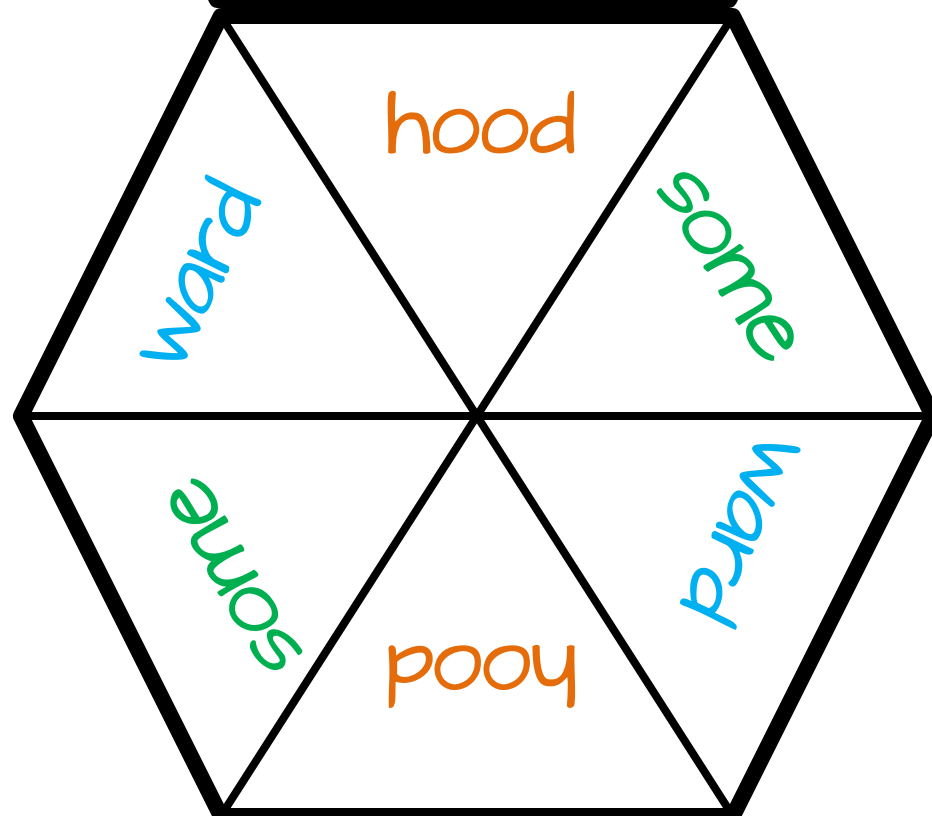
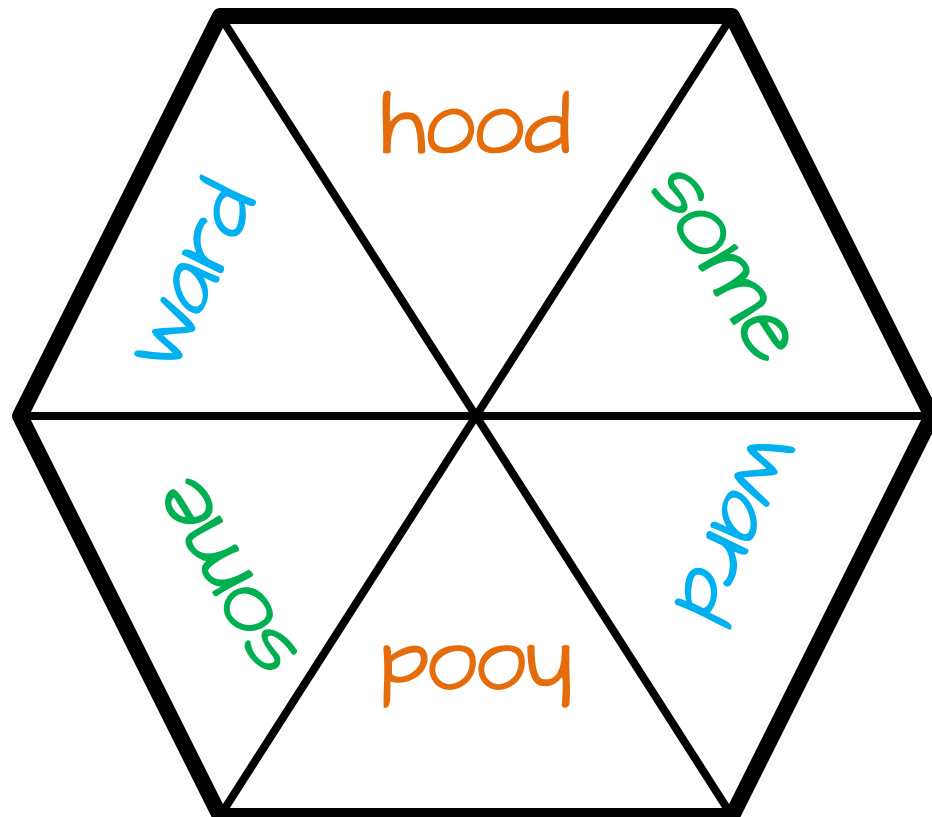
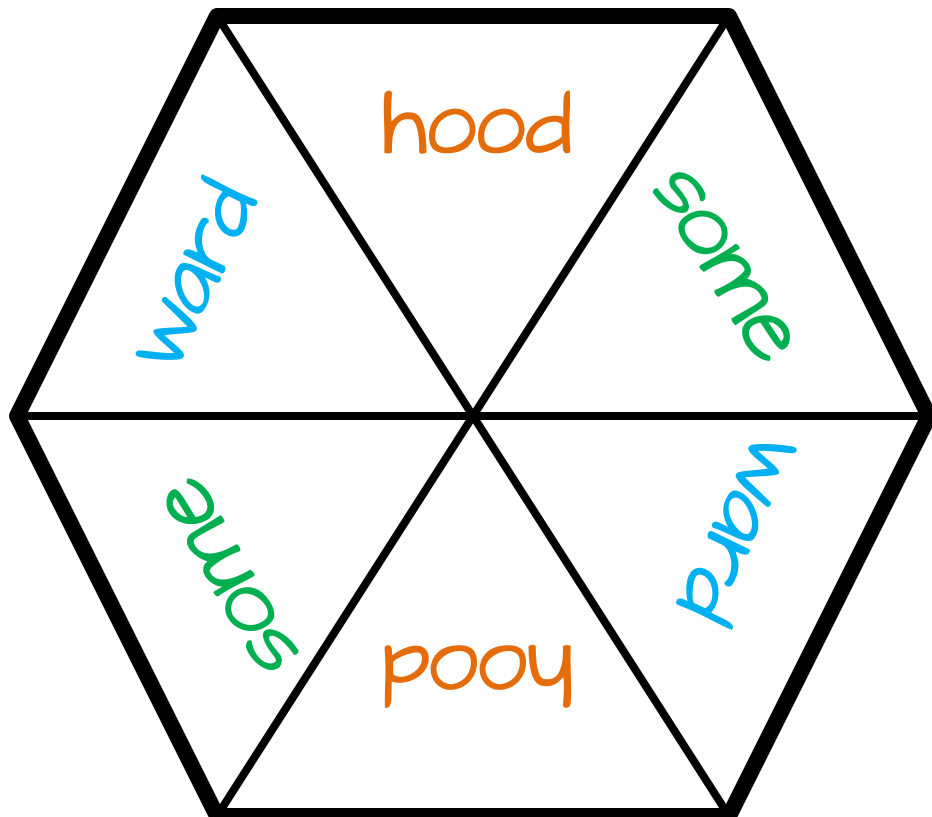
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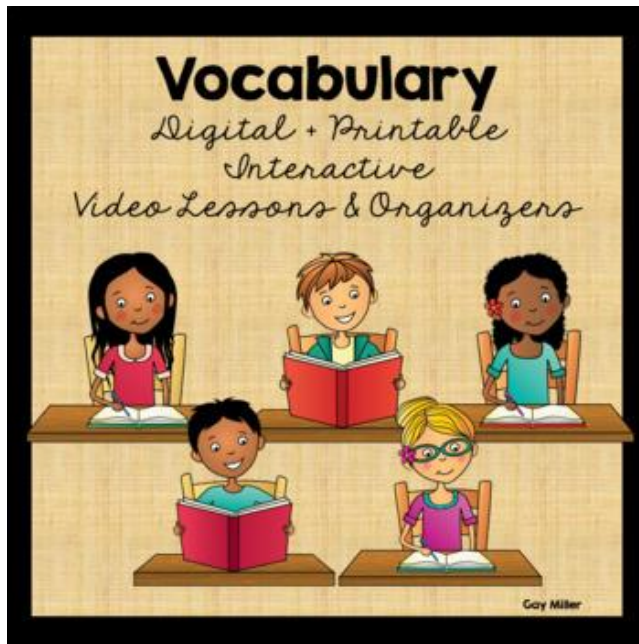
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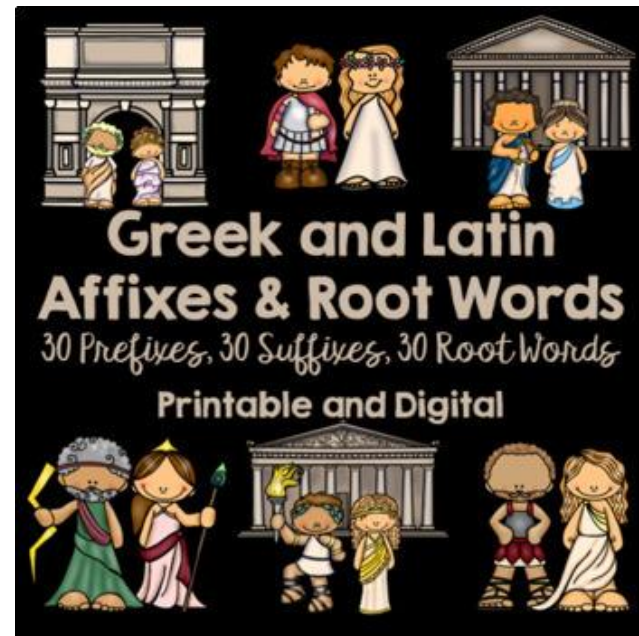
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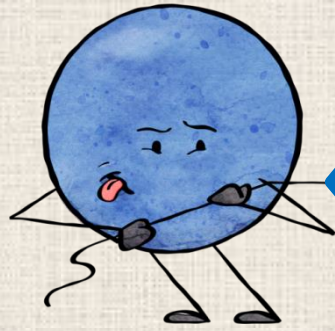
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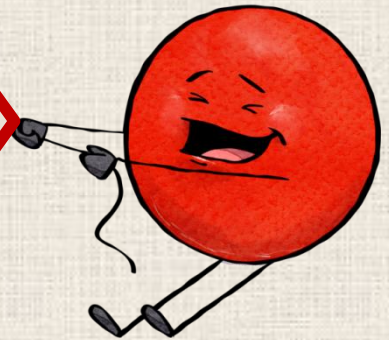




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