Word Attributes



Increase decoding and word recognition skills, ability to spell words and ability to define unfamiliar words by:

- Identifying phonemic, structural and content attributes of a word
- Identifying common attributes in word categories

When you see a word, there is a lot going on!

Structural (LETTERS)	Phonemic (SOUND)	Content (MEANING)
• number of letters	• silent letters	• relates to
consonants	 sounds letters 	• looks like
vowels	make	• sounds like
starts with	 long vowel (says 	• is used for or used
ends with	its name)	when
 double letters 	short vowel	• is like
word within	rhymes with	• can be found with
• prefix	syllables	• feels like
• suffix		• has to do with
• base word		associated with
		• function (verb,
		noun, adjective,
		adverb)

Now you try!

Example:

locksmith

Structural (letters)	Phonemic (sound)	Content (meaning)
 9 letters 2 vowels 7 consonants Words within: lock, locks, smith starts with l ends with h base word "lock" 	 2 syllables ck makes the /k/sound th makes /th/sound o is a short vowel i is a short vowel 	 works with keys is a person (noun) works with locks is a job has to be trained provides security

remarkable

Structural (letters)	Phonemic (sound)	Content (meaning)
• letters	vowels	also means
 vowels consonants Words within: starts with ends with prefix suffix base word 	is long/short (circle) is long/short (circle) is long/short (circle) silent letter(s) syllables • syllables	 also means something you say when related to is like
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echoes

Phonemic (sound)	Structural (letters)	Content (meaning)
• vowels:	• letters	heard in
 is long/short (circle) (circle) silent letter ch makes sound es makes sound sound so	 vowels consonants Words within: starts with ends with suffix 	 something you is plural (meaning more than has to do with repeating happens when you

chemistry

Structural (letters)	Phonemic (sound)	Content (meaning)
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headache

Structural (letters)	Phonemic (sound)	Content (meaning)
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Structural (letters)	Phonemic (sound)	Content (meaning)
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Phonemic (sound)	Content (meaning)
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	Phonemic (sound) • • • • • • • • •

Structural (letters)	Phonemic (sound)	Content (meaning)
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