

# Morpheme Practice Graphic Organizer

A *morpheme* is the smallest unit of meaning in language. Morphological ability can help students improve their vocabulary and reading comprehension.

The following graphic organizer is designed to help students understand new words by using the word's component morphemes to derive meaning. The graphic organizer guides students to identify individual morphemes in a longer word and record their definitions. Then, they piece the word back together again, using their understanding of morphemes to derive a definition of the whole word.

This graphic organizer is designed to teach readers how to make meaning from unfamiliar words and can be used for each new word they encounter until the strategy becomes routine.

For more information about morphemes and how to incorporate this graphic organizer into instruction, see the Iowa Reading Research Center's eLearning module, *Effective Morphology Instruction for Secondary Students Across Content Areas*.



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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Target Word: \_\_\_\_\_

## Step 1. See It

Circle the target morpheme.

## Step 2. Break It

Divide the word into its meaningful parts by circling other morphemes you know.

## Step 3. Read It

Read aloud the word.

## Step 4. Write It

Spell the word.

## Step 5. What Do the Parts Mean?

Morpheme	Meaning

## Step 6. What Does the Target Word Mean?