

SYLLABLE TYPES

EXACT TEKS WORDING (FROM TEA)

“demonstrate and apply spelling knowledge by: (i) spelling multisyllabic words with closed syllables; open syllables; VCe syllables; vowel teams, including digraphs and diphthongs; r-controlled syllables; and final stable syllables”

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN TO ME?

When I see terr in a word, I know it connects to earth or land.

The root terr appears in words like territory, terrain, and terrace.

When I find the root, I can figure out the word's meaning.

THIS WEEK'S FOCUS

Root terr

from “Looking Back to Move Forward”

The root terr means earth or land. Words like territory, terrain, and terrace all connect to the land. This week we study the root terr with words from “Looking Back to Move Forward.”

This deck teaches **the root terr (earth)** across the five RPLD thinking levels:

NOTICE → CHOOSE → SHOW → OWN → DEFEND.

TEACHER SAYS & DOES • SLIDE 1 OF 10 •

Introduce the Week

 ~5 min

“ ” = say word-for-word • ▶ = teacher direction (do not read aloud)

“This week we are studying syllable types. Our focus is word with the root terr syllables. The root terr comes from Latin and means earth or land. Words with terr connect to the earth.”

▶ Show the cover. Read the exact TEKS wording aloud, then read the What does this mean to me box in your own warm voice.

“The root terr means earth or land. Words like territory, terrain, and terrace all connect to the land. This week we study the root terr with words from “Looking Back to Move Forward.””

▶ Point to the five thinking levels. Preview the week: we NOTICE, CHOOSE, SHOW, OWN, and DEFEND the pattern.

PREP & MATERIALS: the Root terr slide deck for Cluster 5 Module 1 . a class or student copy of “Looking Back to Move Forward” . the student tracking sheet . pencils

CHECK FOR UNDERSTANDING

Ask a student to name one word with the root terr from the reading and tell how they know.

RAISE THE THINKING

Ask a student how reading the word would change if the word with the root terr pattern were different.

TODAY'S THINKING JOB

NOTICE

"I can notice a word with the root terr."

EXACT TEKS WORDING

"demonstrate and apply spelling knowledge by: (i) spelling multisyllabic words with closed syllables; open syllables; VCe syllables; vowel teams, including digraphs and diphthongs; r-controlled syllables; and final stable syllables"

Notice the word with the root terr.

Read this sentence about the passage. Find the bold word and the root terr and its meaning (earth).

"During the Renaissance, kingdoms fought over territory and control of the land."

I CAN | I can notice a word with the root terr and name the root terr and its meaning (earth).

The Writing Academy®, LLC

Grade 4 · Cluster 5 · Syllable Types · Monday

TEKS 4.2(B) · Syllable Types · Week 21 of 36 · Cluster 5 · Module 1 · slide 2 of 10

TEACHER SAYS & DOES · SLIDE 2 OF 10 ·

Monday · NOTICE · Foundational

~4 min

" " = say word-for-word · ▶ = teacher direction (do not read aloud)

"Today's thinking job is NOTICE. I can notice a word with the root terr syllable."

▶ Read the I can statement aloud, then the task on the slide.

"Listen as I read the sentence. I am looking for the word with the root terr syllable in territory."

▶ Read the sentence aloud twice. Give think time, then have students copy the word on the NOTICE row of the tracking sheet.

ANSWER KEY: territory (related vocabulary). Ter-ri-to-ry. The root terr means earth or land. A territory is an area of land.

CHECK FOR UNDERSTANDING

Ask a student to explain the word with the root terr syllable in their own words.

COMMON MISCONCEPTION

Students may not identify the root terr and its meaning (earth). Guide them to the pattern.

POSSIBLE STUDENT QUESTION

How do I know it is a word with the root terr syllable? Look for the root terr and its meaning (earth).

RPLD EVIDENCE & ADVICE

NOTICE at Foundational is about finding the word with the root terr syllable. Keep the demand at this level.

RAISE THE THINKING

Ask a student what the word would sound like without the word with the root terr pattern.

TODAY'S THINKING JOB

CHOOSE

"I can choose a word with the root terr."

EXACT TEKS WORDING

"demonstrate and apply spelling knowledge by: (i) spelling multisyllabic words with closed syllables; open syllables; VCe syllables; vowel teams, including digraphs and diphthongs; r-controlled syllables; and final stable syllables"

Choose the word with the root terr.

Read the sentence. Which word is a word with the root terr? Use the rule.

"Artists studied the **terrain** of the countryside to paint realistic landscapes."

A real • B artists • C terrain

I CAN | I can choose the word with the root terr and explain how I know.

The Writing Academy®, LLC

Grade 4 · Cluster 5 · Syllable Types · Tuesday

TEKS 4.2(B) · Syllable Types · Week 21 of 36 · Cluster 5 · Module 1 · slide 3 of 10

TEACHER SAYS & DOES · SLIDE 3 OF 10 ·

Tuesday · CHOOSE · Developing

~4 min

" " = say word-for-word · ▶ = teacher direction (do not read aloud)

"Today's thinking job is CHOOSE. I can choose a word with a word with the root terr syllable."

▶ Read the I can statement aloud, then the task on the slide.

"Read the sentence and all three choices. Only one word has the word with the root terr pattern."

▶ Have students choose privately, then share with a partner before you reveal the answer on slide 8.

ANSWER KEY: C. terrain. Ter-rain. The root terr means earth. Terrain means the physical features of an area of land. Real has no root terr, and artists has no root terr.

CHECK FOR UNDERSTANDING

Ask a student to name the root terr and its meaning (earth) in the answer.

COMMON MISCONCEPTION

Students may choose by ear. Use the rule to check the root terr and its meaning (earth).

POSSIBLE STUDENT QUESTION

Two words seem close. How do I pick? Check for the root terr and its meaning (earth).

RPLD EVIDENCE & ADVICE

CHOOSE at Developing is about selecting the word the rule fits. Keep the demand at this level.

RAISE THE THINKING

Ask a student to find another word with the root terr syllable in the sentence.

TODAY'S THINKING JOB

SHOW

"I can show how a word with the root terr works."

EXACT TEKS WORDING

"demonstrate and apply spelling knowledge by: (i) spelling multisyllabic words with closed syllables; open syllables; VCe syllables; vowel teams, including digraphs and diphthongs; r-controlled syllables; and final stable syllables"

Show the word with the root terr.

Read the sentence. In the bold word, name the root terr and its meaning (earth).

"From the painting, Ava could see a stone **terrace** where the thinkers gathered."

I CAN | I can show the root terr and its meaning (earth).

The Writing Academy®, LLC

Grade 4 · Cluster 5 · Syllable Types · Wednesday

TEKS 4.2(B) · Syllable Types · Week 21 of 36 · Cluster 5 · Module 1 · slide 4 of 10

TEACHER SAYS & DOES · SLIDE 4 OF 10 ·

Wednesday · SHOW · Independent

 ~4 min

" " = say word-for-word · ▶ = teacher direction (do not read aloud)

"Today's thinking job is **SHOW**. I can show how a word with the root terr syllable works."

▶ Read the I can statement aloud, then the task on the slide.

"The bold word is **terrace**. Name the root terr and its meaning (earth)."

▶ Take two or three answers. Push students to name all the parts.

ANSWER KEY: terrace (related vocabulary). Ter-race. The root terr means earth. A terrace is a flat area of land, often raised.

CHECK FOR UNDERSTANDING

Ask a student to point to the root terr and its meaning (earth) in the word.

COMMON MISCONCEPTION

Students may name only part of the pattern. Require all parts.

POSSIBLE STUDENT QUESTION

Can a word have more than one word with the root terr syllable? Yes, a longer word can.

RPLD EVIDENCE & ADVICE

SHOW at Independent is about explaining how the rule works. Keep the demand at this level.

RAISE THE THINKING

Ask a student what would change if the pattern were different.

TODAY'S THINKING JOB

OWN

"I can use the root terr to figure out a word's meaning."

EXACT TEKS WORDING

"demonstrate and apply spelling knowledge by: (i) spelling multisyllabic words with closed syllables; open syllables; VCe syllables; vowel teams, including digraphs and diphthongs; r-controlled syllables; and final stable syllables"

Own it. Read the longer word.

Split the word into its parts. Name the root terr and its meaning (earth).

terrestrial
ter / res / tri / al

I CAN | I can use the root terr to figure out a word's meaning.

The Writing Academy®, LLC

Grade 4 · Cluster 5 · Syllable Types · Thursday

TEKS 4.2(B) · Syllable Types · Week 21 of 36 · Cluster 5 · Module 1 · slide 5 of 10

TEACHER SAYS & DOES · SLIDE 5 OF 10 ·

Thursday · OWN · Advanced

 ~4 min

" " = say word-for-word · ▶ = teacher direction (do not read aloud)

"Today's thinking job is OWN. I can use the root terr to figure out a word's meaning."

▶ Read the I can statement aloud, then the task on the slide.

"Terrestrial is a longer word. Split it and read each syllable."

▶ Model the cover-and-read once, then have students split the word on the OWN row of the tracking sheet.

ANSWER KEY: ter / res / tri / al. The root terr means earth. Terrestrial means relating to the earth. Al is the suffix meaning relating to.

CHECK FOR UNDERSTANDING

Ask a student to name each syllable in terrestrial and its type.

COMMON MISCONCEPTION

Students may read the first syllable with the wrong vowel sound. Guide them to the pattern.

POSSIBLE STUDENT QUESTION

How do I know where to split the word? Look for the syllable boundary.

RPLD EVIDENCE & ADVICE

OWN at Advanced is about using the rule inside a longer word. Keep the demand at this level.

RAISE THE THINKING

Ask a student to apply the rule to another longer word.

TODAY'S THINKING JOB

DEFEND

"I can prove that a word has the root terr."

EXACT TEKS WORDING

"demonstrate and apply spelling knowledge by: (i) spelling multisyllabic words with closed syllables; open syllables; VCe syllables; vowel teams, including digraphs and diphthongs; r-controlled syllables; and final stable syllables"

Defend the rule.

Prove the bold word follows the rule. Name the root terr and its meaning (earth).

"The Renaissance thinkers studied *terrestrial* features to understand the world around them."

I CAN | I can prove that a word has the root terr.

The Writing Academy®, LLC

Grade 4 · Cluster 5 · Syllable Types · Friday

TEKS 4.2(B) · Syllable Types · Week 21 of 36 · Cluster 5 · Module 1 · slide 6 of 10

TEACHER SAYS & DOES · SLIDE 6 OF 10 ·

Friday · DEFEND · Reflective

 ~4 min

" " = say word-for-word · ▶ = teacher direction (do not read aloud)

"Today's thinking job is DEFEND. I can prove that a word has the root terr."

▶ Read the I can statement aloud, then the task on the slide.

"For Mediterranean, name the root terr and its meaning (earth) and prove it."

▶ Have students write a because statement on the DEFEND row, then share two strong answers.

ANSWER KEY: Mediterranean (related vocabulary). The root terr means earth. Mediterranean literally means middle of the earth (medi + terr + anean).

CHECK FOR UNDERSTANDING

Ask a student to explain how they proved Mediterranean follows the rule.

COMMON MISCONCEPTION

Students may name the whole word instead of the root terr and its meaning (earth). Require all parts.

POSSIBLE STUDENT QUESTION

Is every word with this pattern word with the root terr? Yes, if it has the root terr and its meaning (earth).

RPLD EVIDENCE & ADVICE

DEFEND at Reflective is about proving the rule. Keep the demand at this level.

RAISE THE THINKING

Ask a student to defend why another word in the sentence is NOT a word with the root terr syllable.

Find a word with the root terr on your own.

Go back to the passage. Find one word with the root terr. Copy the sentence and name the root terr and its meaning (earth).

**Go back to the reading.
Find one word with the root terr.
Copy the exact sentence. Then name the root terr and its
meaning (earth).**

I CAN | I can find a word with the root terr and prove it.

TEACHER SAYS & DOES · SLIDE 7 OF 10 ·

Independent Practice · YOUR TURN

 ~5 min

“ ” = say word-for-word · ▶ = teacher direction (do not read aloud)

“Now it is your turn to find a word with the root terr syllable on your own.”

▶ Read the Your Turn task. Students work independently on the tracking sheet.

“Copy the exact sentence. Then name the root terr and its meaning (earth).”

▶ Circulate and note who can name all the parts without help.

ANSWER KEY: territory. Ter-ri-to-ry. The root terr means earth. A territory is an area of land.

CHECK FOR UNDERSTANDING

Scan for students who name the root terr and its meaning (earth) together.

COMMON MISCONCEPTION

Students may write a word without naming all the parts. Require the root terr and its meaning (earth).

POSSIBLE STUDENT QUESTION

What if my word has more than one syllable? Pick the syllable that is word with the root terr and prove it.

RPLD EVIDENCE & ADVICE

Independent practice shows who owns the rule. Look for the root terr and its meaning (earth).

RAISE THE THINKING

Ask an early finisher to check their word by reading it aloud.

Answers, across the five thinking levels.

NOTICE territory (related vocabulary). Ter-ri-to-ry. The root terr means earth or land. A territory is an area of land.

CHOOSE C. terrain. Ter-rain. The root terr means earth. Terrain means the physical features of an area of land. Real has no root terr, and artists has no root terr.

SHOW terrace (related vocabulary). Ter-race. The root terr means earth. A terrace is a flat area of land, often raised.

OWN ter / res / tri / al. The root terr means earth. Terrestrial means relating to the earth. Al is the suffix meaning relating to.

DEFEND Mediterranean (related vocabulary). The root terr means earth. Mediterranean literally means middle of the earth (medi + terr + anean).

YOUR TURN territory. Ter-ri-to-ry. The root terr means earth. A territory is an area of land.

TEACHER SAYS & DOES · SLIDE 8 OF 10 ·

Review the Answers

 ~4 min

" " = say word-for-word · ▶ = teacher direction (do not read aloud)

"Let's check our work across the five thinking levels."

▶ Reveal the answer slide one row at a time. Have students check their own tracking sheets.

"If you missed one, that is where your learning is. Go back to the word and find the pattern."

▶ Celebrate students who explained the rule, not only students who named the word.

CHECK FOR UNDERSTANDING

Students can explain the rule, not just name the word.

COMMON MISCONCEPTION

Naming the word without the root terr and its meaning (earth). Ask how and why for at least two answers.

POSSIBLE STUDENT QUESTION

Why not just memorize the list? Because readers meet new words in books and tests, and the rule reads them.

RPLD EVIDENCE & ADVICE

Reviewing is where OWN turns into DEFEND. Push for the root terr and its meaning (earth).

RAISE THE THINKING

Ask a student to explain what would change if the syllable type were different.

READ THIS PASSAGE EXCERPT.

“Artists like Raphael wanted their work to look real. ... People also began to think differently about government.”

Which word has the root terr, meaning earth or land?

A terrible

B painting

C territory

D thinking

The Writing Academy®, LLC

Grade 4 · Cluster 5 · Syllable Types

TEKS 4.2(B) · Syllable Types · Week 21 of 36 · Cluster 5 · Module 1 · slide 9 of 10

TEACHER SAYS & DOES · SLIDE 9 OF 10 ·

Show What You Know

 ~4 min

“ ” = say word-for-word · ▶ = teacher direction (do not read aloud)

“Here is a test-style question, the kind you see on the state assessment.”

▶ Read the excerpt and the question aloud.

“Read all four choices before you decide. The best answer is the one the rule fits.”

▶ Give think time. Students choose privately and bubble their letter on the tracking sheet.

ANSWER KEY: The answer is C.

CHECK FOR UNDERSTANDING

Students choose by the rule, not by which word looks familiar.

COMMON MISCONCEPTION

Choosing by guess or by a word they like. Check the pattern in each choice.

POSSIBLE STUDENT QUESTION

Two answers seem close. How do I pick? Check for the root terr and its meaning (earth).

RPLD EVIDENCE & ADVICE

A clean test item is DEFEND in action under assessment conditions.

RAISE THE THINKING

Ask why each wrong choice is wrong, which leads into the next slide.

The answer is C.

- A terrible**
Terrible comes from a different Latin root meaning to frighten, not earth.
- B painting**
Painting has no root terr.
- C territory **Correct.****
Ter-ri-to-ry. The root terr means earth. A territory is an area of land.
- D thinking**
Thinking has no root terr.

The Writing Academy®, LLC

Grade 4 · Cluster 5 · Syllable Types

TEKS 4.2(B) · Syllable Types · Week 21 of 36 · Cluster 5 · Module 1 · slide 10 of 10

TEACHER SAYS & DOES · SLIDE 10 OF 10 ·

The Answer, and Why

 ~4 min

" " = say word-for-word · ▶ = teacher direction (do not read aloud)

"The correct answer is C. The most important part is understanding why."

▶ Reveal each choice's reason. Spend the most time on the wrong answers.

"Each wrong choice is a real word from the reading, but it does not fit the pattern."

▶ Have students write one sentence on the tracking sheet explaining why the correct answer is right.

CHECK FOR UNDERSTANDING

Students can explain why the correct word fits the rule.

COMMON MISCONCEPTION

Knowing the answer but not why. Insist on the reason.

POSSIBLE STUDENT QUESTION

Why is the second choice wrong? Because it has a different syllable type.

RPLD EVIDENCE & ADVICE

Explaining the distractors is the highest DEFEND move of the week.

RAISE THE THINKING

Ask a student to write a new sentence using a word with the root terr syllable word and prove the rule.