

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?

Principal ends in -pal (a pal is a friend, and the principal is your pal).

Principle ends in -ple (a rule you follow).

Peace means calm. Piece means a part of something.

THIS WEEK'S FOCUS

Confused Words

from “What We Carry Forward”

Confused words look or sound alike but have different meanings. Principal (a leader) vs. principle (a rule). Peace (calm) vs. piece (a part). This week we sort these words.

This deck teaches **confused word pairs** across the five RPLD thinking levels:

NOTICE → CHOOSE → SHOW → OWN → DEFEND.

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Introduce the Week

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

“This week we are studying syllable types. Our focus is confused word pair syllables. Confused words sound alike or look alike but have different meanings. Principal is a person or main thing. Principle is a rule or belief. Peace means calm. Piece means a part.”

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

“Confused words look or sound alike but have different meanings. Principal (a leader) vs. principle (a rule). Peace (calm) vs. piece (a part). This week we sort these words.”

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

PREP & MATERIALS: the Confused Words slide deck for Cluster 7 Module 4 . a class or student copy of "What We Carry Forward" . the student tracking sheet . pencils

CHECK FOR UNDERSTANDING

Ask a student to name one confused word pair from the reading and tell how they know.

RAISE THE THINKING

Ask a student how reading the word would change if the confused word pair pattern were different.

TODAY'S THINKING JOB

NOTICE

"I can notice a confused word pair."

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Notice the confused word pair.

Read this sentence about the passage. Find the bold word and the two spellings and the two meanings.

"A principle is written, strong and clear, its meaning travels year to year."

I CAN | I can notice a confused word pair and name the two spellings and the two meanings.

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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 confused word pair syllable."

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

"Listen as I read the sentence. I am looking for the confused word pair syllable in principle."

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

ANSWER KEY: principle. A principle is a rule or belief. In the poem, a rule is written connects to principle. Principle ends in -ple.

CHECK FOR UNDERSTANDING

Ask a student to explain the confused word pair syllable in their own words.

COMMON MISCONCEPTION

Students may not identify the two spellings and the two meanings. Guide them to the pattern.

POSSIBLE STUDENT QUESTION

How do I know it is a confused word pair syllable? Look for the two spellings and the two meanings.

RPLD EVIDENCE & ADVICE

NOTICE at Foundational is about finding the confused word pair syllable. Keep the demand at this level.

RAISE THE THINKING

Ask a student what the word would sound like without the confused word pair pattern.

TODAY'S THINKING JOB

CHOOSE

"I can choose a confused word pair."

EXACT TEKS WORDING

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Choose the confused word pair.

Read the sentence. Which word is a confused word pair? Use the rule.

"A principle is a guiding rule, not a leader of a school."

A principle (rule) • **B** principal (leader) • **C** peace (calm)

I CAN | I can choose the confused word pair and explain how I know.

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Tuesday · CHOOSE · Developing

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

"Today's thinking job is CHOOSE. I can choose a word with a confused word pair 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 confused word pair pattern."

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

ANSWER KEY: B. principle. A lesson from long ago is a guiding rule or belief, which is a principle. A principal is a leader, which does not fit here.

CHECK FOR UNDERSTANDING

Ask a student to name the two spellings and the two meanings in the answer.

COMMON MISCONCEPTION

Students may choose by ear. Use the rule to check the two spellings and the two meanings.

POSSIBLE STUDENT QUESTION

Two words seem close. How do I pick? Check for the two spellings and the two meanings.

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 confused word pair syllable in the sentence.

TODAY'S THINKING JOB

SHOW

"I can show how a confused word pair works."

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Show the confused word pair.

Read the sentence. In the bold word, name the two spellings and the two meanings.

"The poem hopes for a world of **peace** where good ideas can still remain."

I CAN | I can show the two spellings and the two meanings.

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Wednesday · SHOW · Independent

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

"Today's thinking job is **SHOW**. I can show how a confused word pair syllable works."

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

"The bold word is **peace**. Name the two spellings and the two meanings."

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

ANSWER KEY: peace (related vocabulary). Peace means calm or freedom from conflict. In a world of peace, people live without fighting.

CHECK FOR UNDERSTANDING

Ask a student to point to the two spellings and the two meanings 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 confused word pair 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 choose the right spelling by checking the meaning."

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Own it. Read the longer word.

Split the word into its parts. Name the two spellings and the two meanings.

OWN

I CAN | I can choose the right spelling by checking the meaning.

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Thursday · OWN · Advanced

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

"Today's thinking job is OWN. I can choose the right spelling by checking the meaning."

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

"Piece 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: piece. A piece is a part of something. In a piece of the puzzle, piece means one part. Peace and piece sound alike but have different meanings.

CHECK FOR UNDERSTANDING

Ask a student to name each syllable in piece 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 which spelling fits the sentence."

EXACT TEKS WORDING

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Defend the rule.

Prove the bold word follows the rule. Name the two spellings and the two meanings.

"The **principal** idea of the poem is that what we carry forward can help shape the future."

I CAN | I can prove which spelling fits the sentence.

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Friday · DEFEND · Reflective

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

"Today's thinking job is DEFEND. I can prove which spelling fits the sentence."

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

"For principal, name the two spellings and the two meanings and prove it."

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

ANSWER KEY: principal (related usage). The principal is the leader of a school. Principal can also mean the main thing. Remember: the principal is your pal.

CHECK FOR UNDERSTANDING

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

COMMON MISCONCEPTION

Students may name the whole word instead of the two spellings and the two meanings. Require all parts.

POSSIBLE STUDENT QUESTION

Is every word with this pattern confused word pair? Yes, if it has the two spellings and the two meanings.

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 confused word pair syllable.

Find a confused word pair on your own.

Go back to the passage. Find one confused word pair. Copy the sentence and name the two spellings and the two meanings.

**Go back to the reading.
Find one confused word pair.
Copy the exact sentence. Then name the two spellings and the
two meanings.**

I CAN | I can find a confused word pair and prove it.

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Independent Practice · YOUR TURN

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“Now it is your turn to find a confused word pair syllable on your own.”

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

“Copy the exact sentence. Then name the two spellings and the two meanings.”

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

ANSWER KEY: piece. A piece of cake means a part of a cake. Piece has the word pie inside it.

CHECK FOR UNDERSTANDING

Scan for students who name the two spellings and the two meanings together.

COMMON MISCONCEPTION

Students may write a word without naming all the parts. Require the two spellings and the two meanings.

POSSIBLE STUDENT QUESTION

What if my word has more than one syllable? Pick the syllable that is confused word pair and prove it.

RPLD EVIDENCE & ADVICE

Independent practice shows who owns the rule. Look for the two spellings and the two meanings.

RAISE THE THINKING

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

Answers, across the five thinking levels.

NOTICE principle. A principle is a rule or belief. In the poem, a rule is written connects to principle. Principle ends in -ple.

CHOOSE B. principle. A lesson from long ago is a guiding rule or belief, which is a principle. A principal is a leader, which does not fit here.

SHOW peace (related vocabulary). Peace means calm or freedom from conflict. In a world of peace, people live without fighting.

OWN piece. A piece is a part of something. In a piece of the puzzle, piece means one part. Peace and piece sound alike but have different meanings.

DEFEND principal (related usage). The principal is the leader of a school. Principal can also mean the main thing. Remember: the principal is your pal.

YOUR TURN piece. A piece of cake means a part of a cake. Piece has the word pie inside it.

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Review the Answers

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"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 two spellings and the two meanings. 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 two spellings and the two meanings.

RAISE THE THINKING

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

READ THIS PASSAGE EXCERPT.

“A rule is written, strong and clear. ... A lesson learned from long ago can plant a seed that starts to grow.”

Which word means a rule or belief?

A principle

B principal

C peace

D piece

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Show What You Know

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“ ” = 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 A.

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 two spellings and the two meanings.

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 A.

- A principle Correct.**
Principle means a rule or belief. It ends in -ple.
- B principal**
Principal means a leader (like a school principal) or the main thing.
- C peace**
Peace means calm or no conflict.
- D piece**
Piece means a part of something.

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The Answer, and Why

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"The correct answer is A. 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 confused word pair syllable word and prove the rule.