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Enrichment Strategy: Understanding Word Parts

"Fishing"

Prefixes and Suffixes - Forming New Words

This offline enrichment strategy helps students understand the meanings of new words through prefixes and suffixes. Students should complete this activity after playing the online Featured Games for Prefixes and Suffixes.

Goal: To help students form new words using root words and prefixes or suffixes.

What You'll Need:

- Printer & copier
- Laminator (optional)
- Fish templates with words
- Prefix and suffix cards
- Short dowels
- String or yarn
- Small magnets
- Metal washers
- Paper clips

What To Do:

1. This game is designed for 4-6 students.
2. Print fish on paper or card stock.
3. Cut out fish and laminate if desired. Place a paperclip at the mouth end of each fish.
4. Make one or more "fishing poles" following these steps: Tie a string to the end of a short dowel. On the other end of the string, tie a metal washer. Stick a small magnet to the washer. This "pole" will "catch" the fish.
5. Place the fish in a "pond" on the floor or rug.
6. Distribute one prefix or suffix card each student.
7. Students may take turns fishing for root words that can be combined with their assigned prefix or suffix to make a new word. When a student has found a correct word, he or she passes the "fishing rod" to the next student. Students may throw back roots that do not match their affix and try again.

Just In Case:

If students have difficulty with this activity...

- A peer buddy can help a struggling student.

A blank template of fish is provided if you would like to use other words.

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even	well
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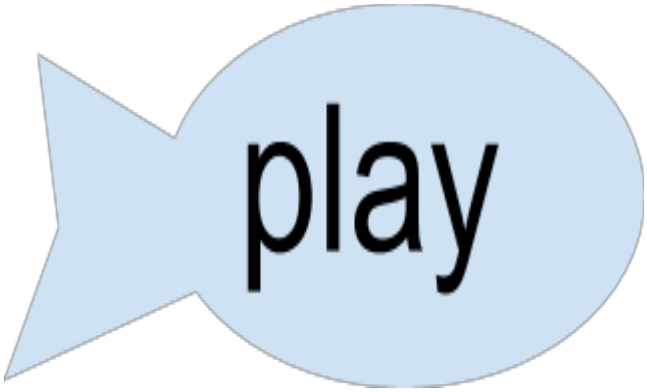
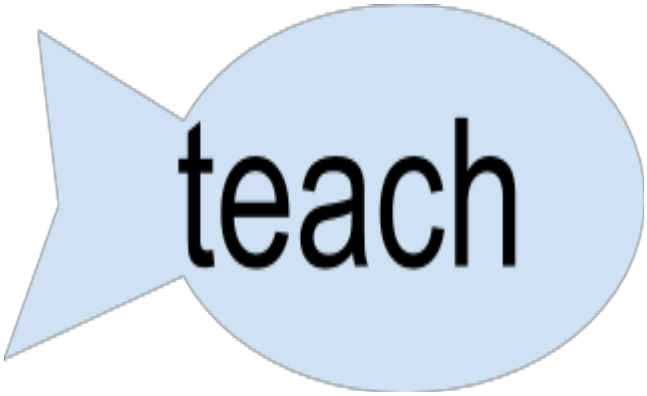
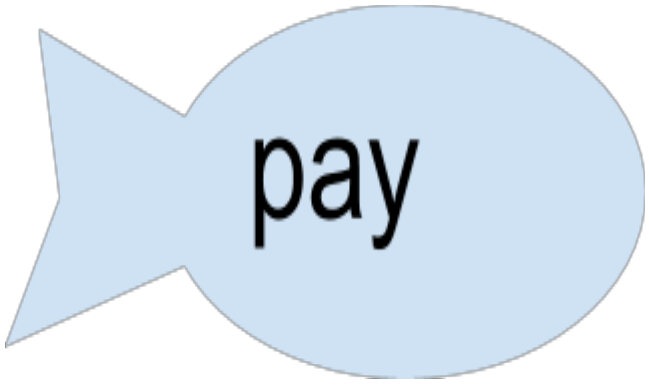
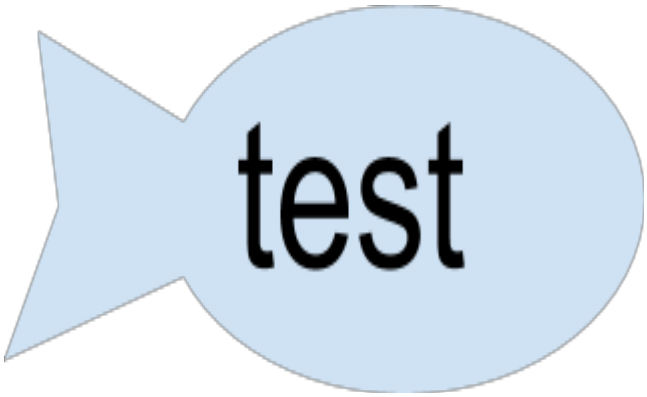
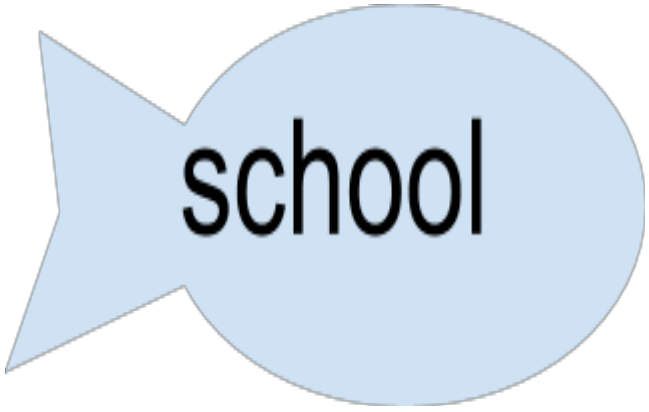
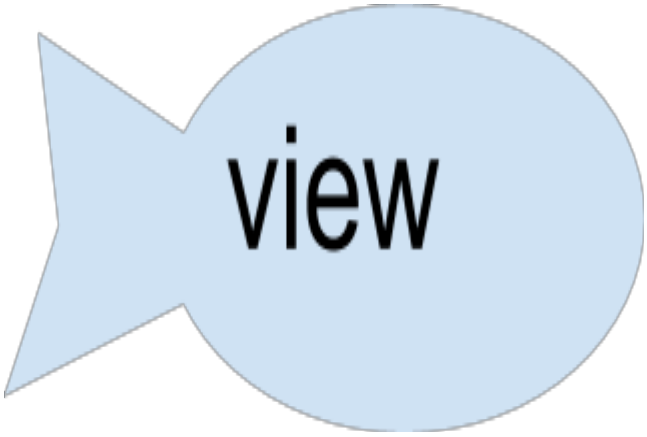
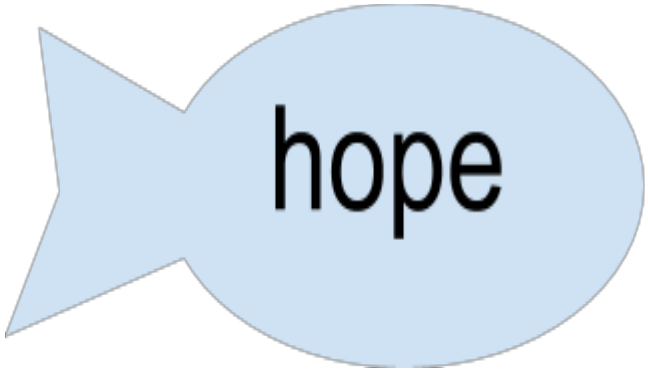
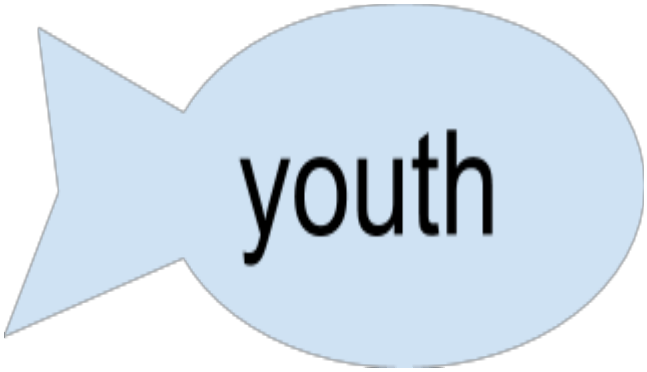
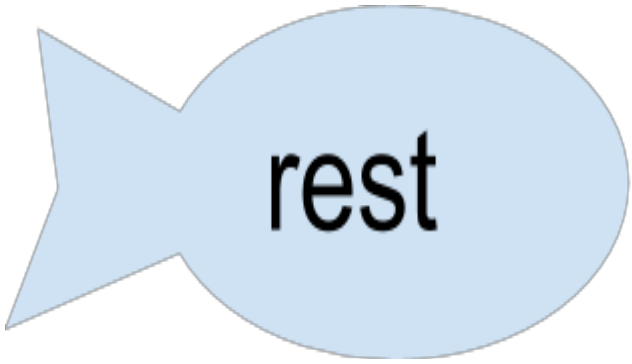
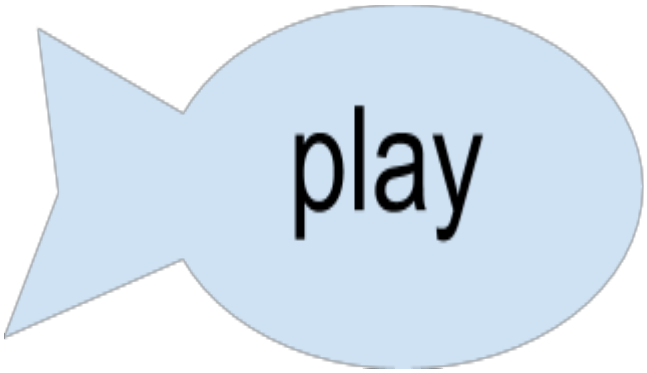
paint	 play
sing	 teach
 pay	 test
 school	 view

 hope	 youth
 rest	 play
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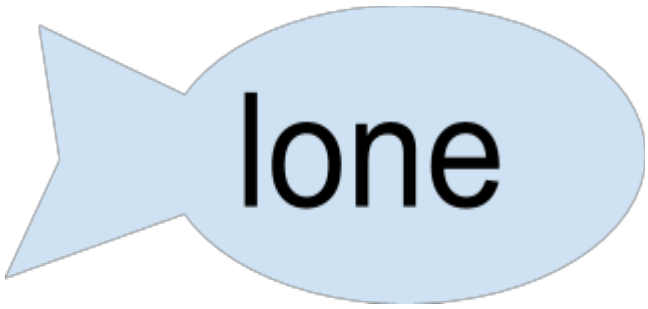 lone	selfish

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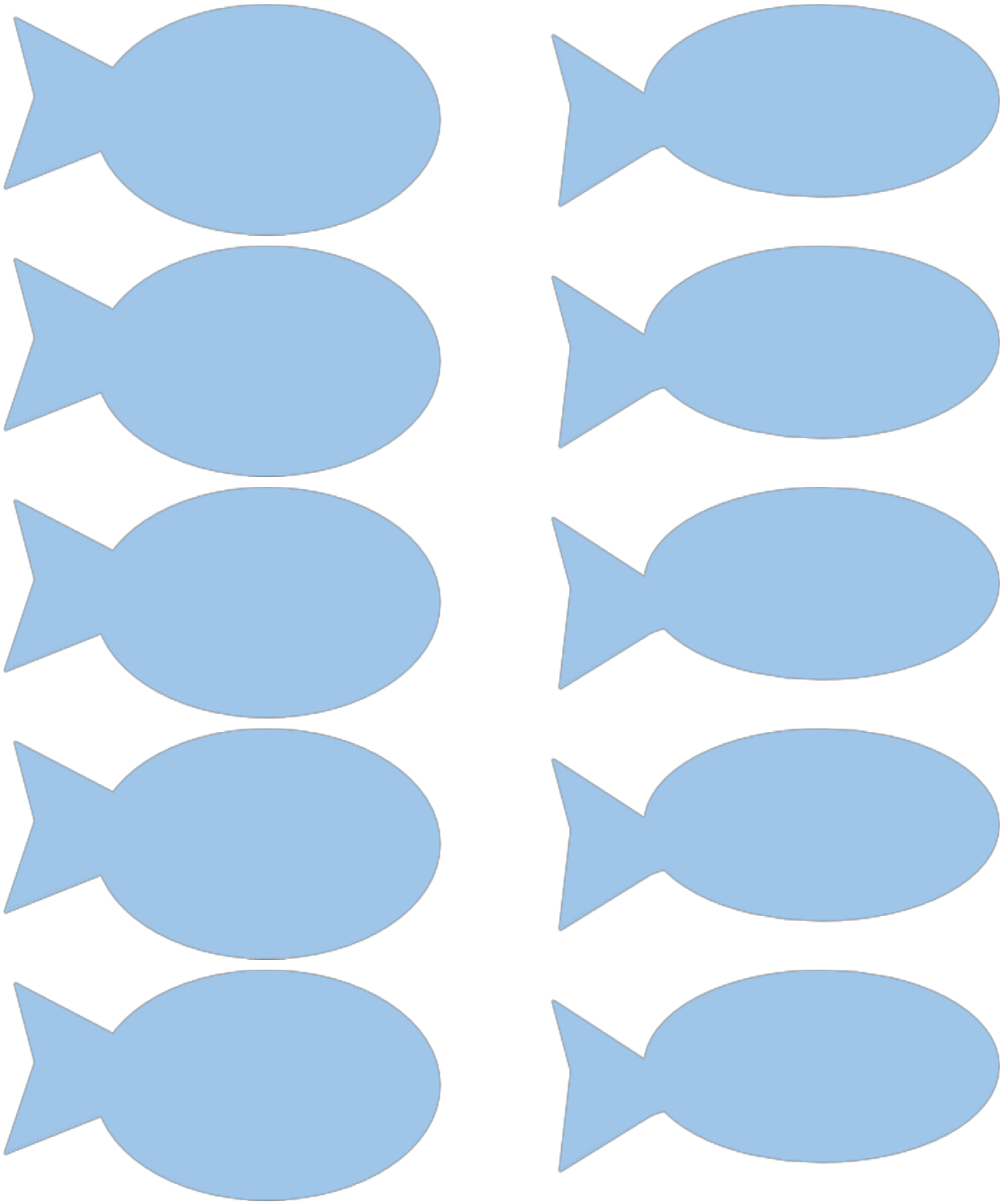
Make your own fish!



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