English

Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar

The Prefix in-

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Introductory Activity

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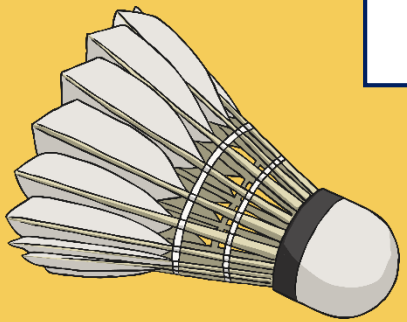
Spelling Rules

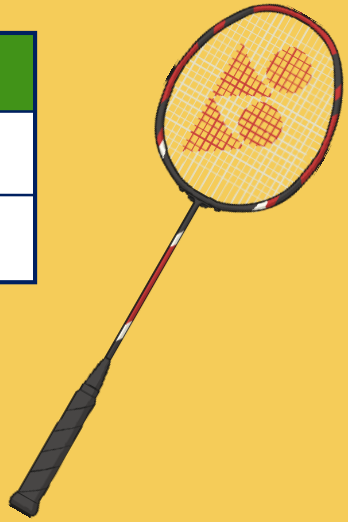
A **prefix** is added to the beginning of a word to make a new word.

Most prefixes are added to the beginning of **root** words without any changes in spelling.

Like this:

Prefix	Root Word	New Word
sub	marine	**submarine**
inter-	net	**internet**





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Spelling Rules

In this lesson we are going to focus on adding the prefix **in-**.

The prefix **in-** can mean both '**not**' and '**in/into**'.

In the words we are going to learn about today the prefix will mean '**not**'.

There are some spelling rules we need to follow when adding the prefix **in-**.

As always, there are exceptions to these rules but they are a good starting guide.

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Spelling Rules

Here's a new rule about adding the prefix **in-**

If you are adding the prefix **in-** before a root word that starts with **l**, **in-** becomes **il-**.

Like this:
in + legal = **illegal**
in + legible = **illegible**

How does the prefix change the meaning of the words?

The referee blew the whistle for an **illegal** tackle.

The sponsorship on the football shirt was nearly **illegible**.

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Spelling Rules

Here's another rule about adding the prefix **in-**

If you are adding the prefix in- before a root word that starts with **m** or **p**, **in-** becomes **im-**.

Like this:
in + mature = **immature**
in + possible
= **impossible**

How does the prefix change the meaning of the words?

Adanna was a young **immature** golf player but she had a bright future ahead of her.

It was **impossible** to score a point against the best table tennis player.

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Spelling Rules

Here's another rule about adding the prefix **in-**

If you are adding the prefix **in-** before a root word that starts with **r**, **in-** becomes **ir-**.

Like this:
in + recoverable
= **irrecoverable**
in + responsible
= **irresponsible**

How does the prefix change the meaning of the words?

The fans knew that the 10–0 score line was **irrecoverable**.

The fans were irritated that their star player was injured because of an **irresponsible** tackle.

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Spelling Rules

Here's a final rule about adding the prefix **in-**

Sometimes you just add the prefix **in-** before a root word without any changes.

Like this:
in + active = **inactive**
in + correct = **incorrect**

How does the prefix change the meaning of the words?

Shannon had been **inactive** for the day so she decided to go for a run.

Jayden explained that it was **incorrect** to pass the ball forward when playing rugby.

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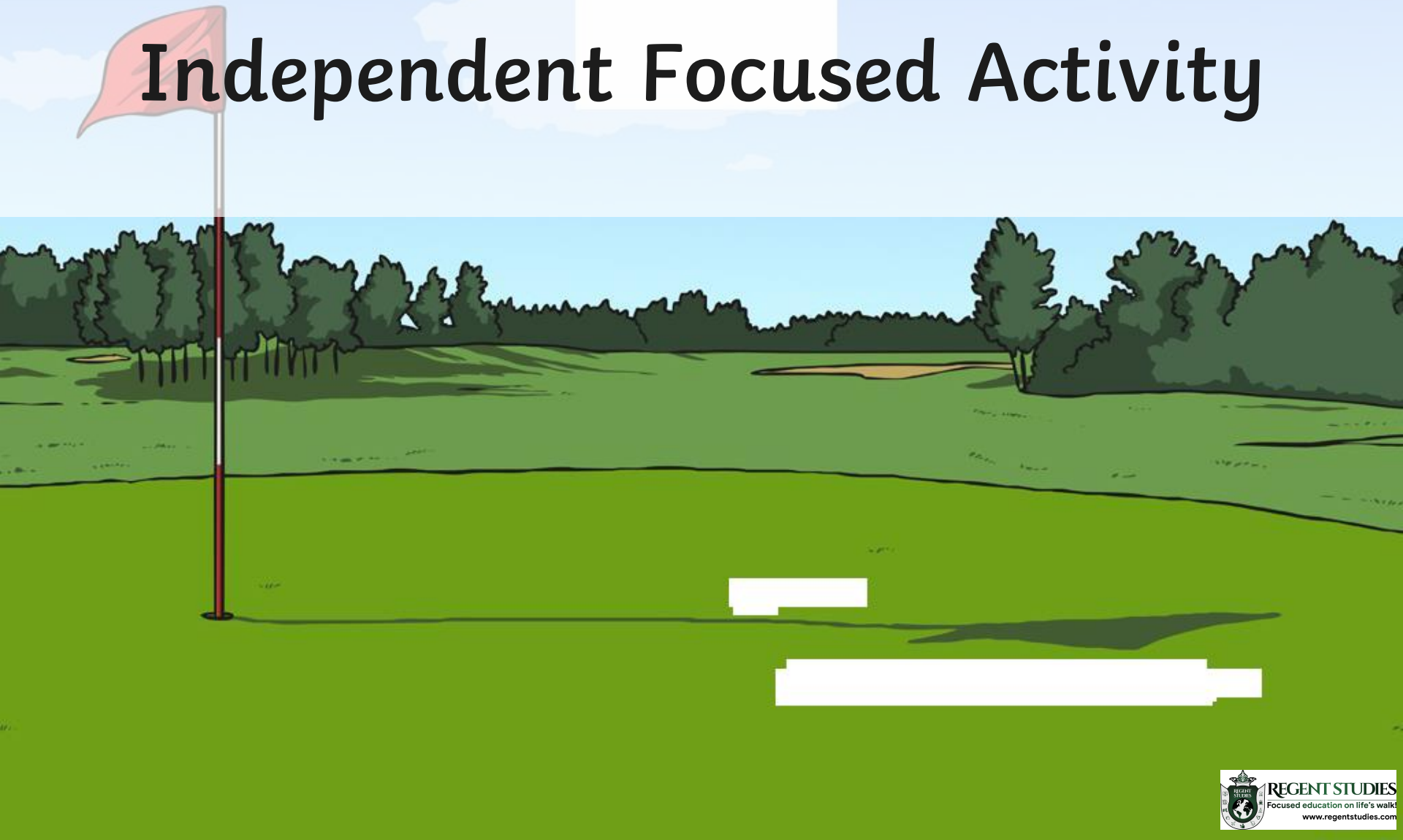
Independent Focused Activity



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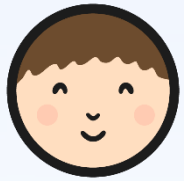
Applying Spelling Rules When Adding the Prefix in-



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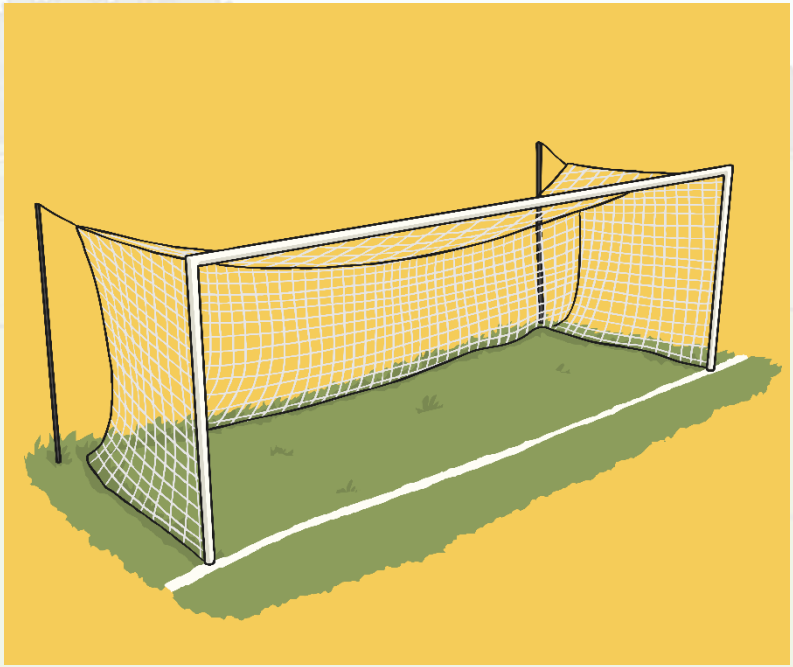

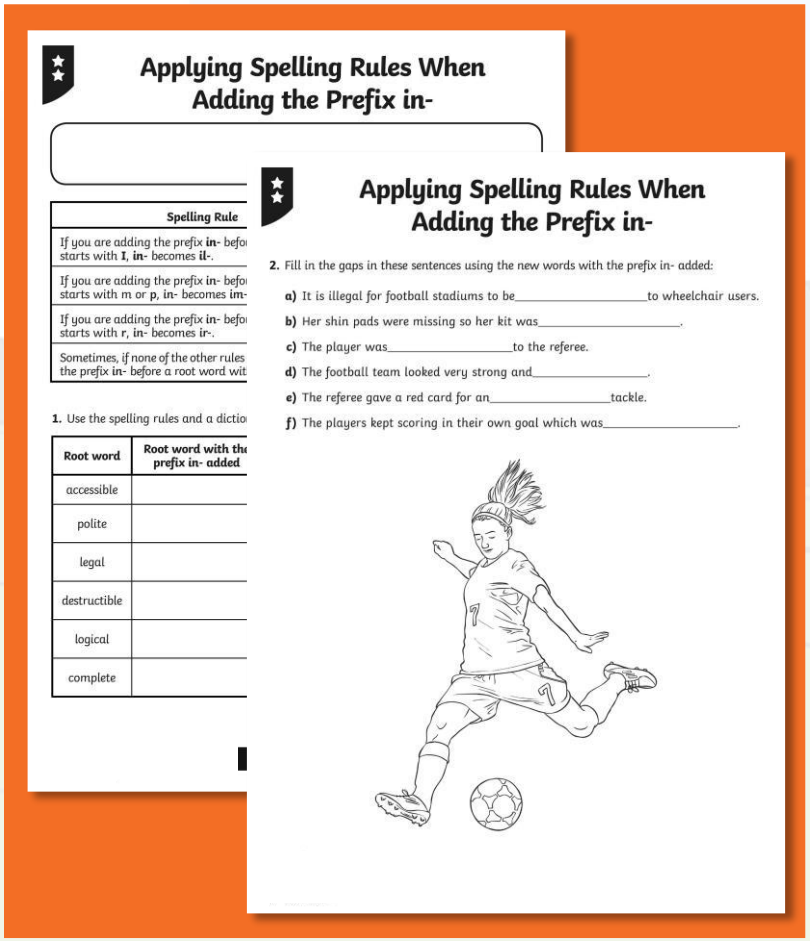

Applying Spelling Rules When Adding the Prefix in-

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Sometimes, if none of the other rules the prefix **in-** before a root word wit

1. Use the spelling rules and a dictio

Root word	Root word with the prefix in- added
accessible	
polite	
legal	
destructible	
logical	
complete	

Applying Spelling Rules When Adding the Prefix in-

2. Fill in the gaps in these sentences using the new words with the prefix in- added:

a) It is illegal for football stadiums to be_____to wheelchair users.

b) Her shin pads were missing so her kit was_____.

c) The player was_____to the referee.

d) The football team looked very strong and_____.

e) The referee gave a red card for an_____tackle.

f) The players kept scoring in their own goal which was_____.

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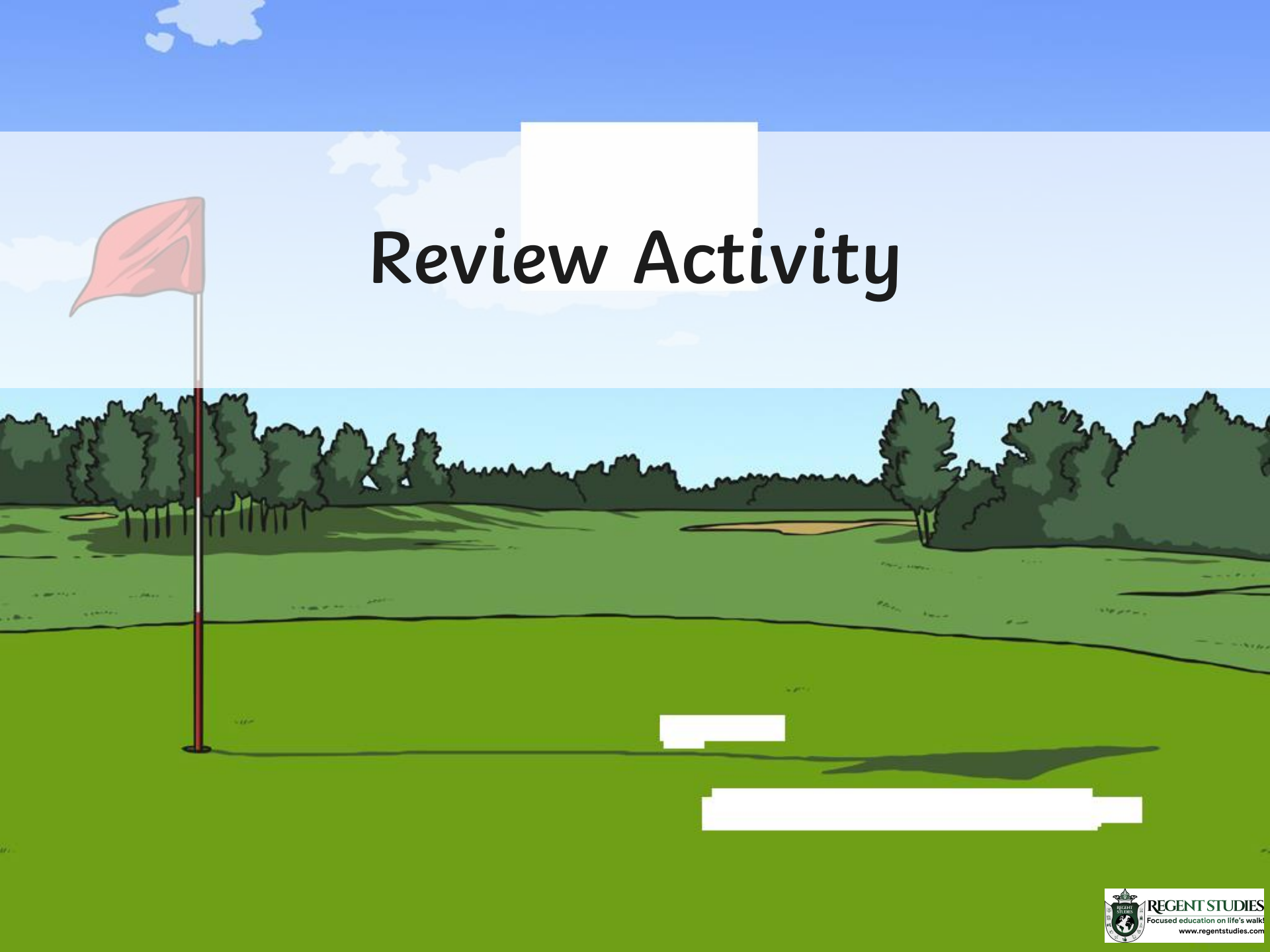
Review Activity



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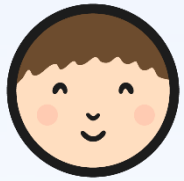
Bouncing Anagrams



Can you remember what the prefix **in-** means?

Can you remember any of the spelling rules we have learnt about adding the prefix **in-**?

Spelling Rule	Example Words
If you are adding the prefix **in-** before a root word that starts with **I**, **in-** becomes **il-**.	in + legal = **illegal**
If you are adding the prefix **in-** before a root word that starts with **m** or **p**, **in-** becomes **im-**.	in + possible = **impossible**
If you are adding the prefix **in-** before a root word that starts with **r**, **in-** becomes **ir-**.	in + regular = **irregular**
Sometimes, if none of the other rules apply, you just add the prefix **in-** before a root word without any changes.	in + active = **inactive**

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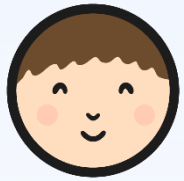

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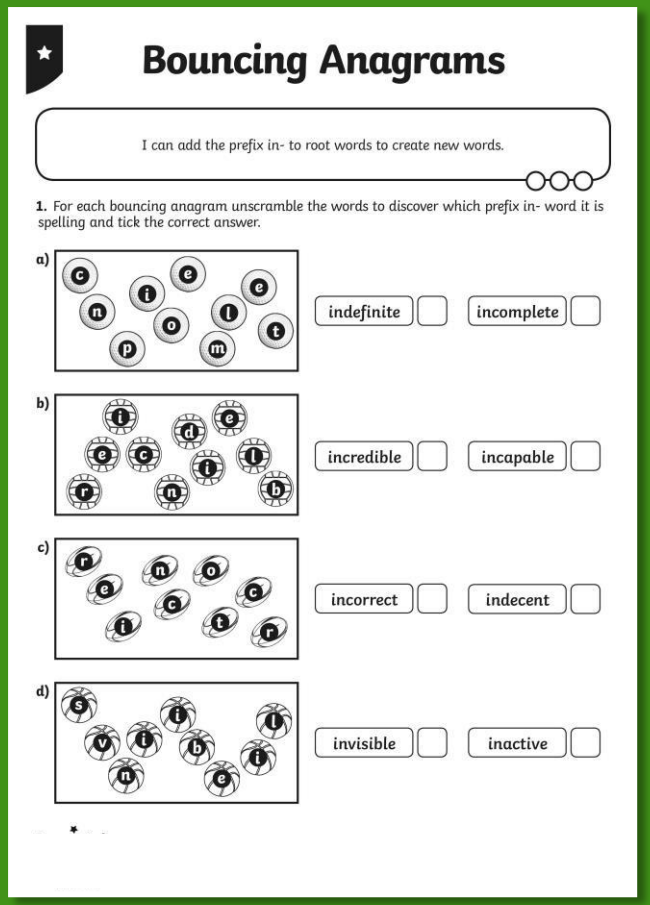

Bouncing Anagrams

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1. For each bouncing anagram unscramble the words to discover which prefix in- word it is spelling and tick the correct answer.

a) indefinite ☐ incomplete ☐

b) incredible ☐ incapable ☐

c) incorrect ☐ indecent ☐

d) invisible ☐ inactive ☐

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Consolidation Activity

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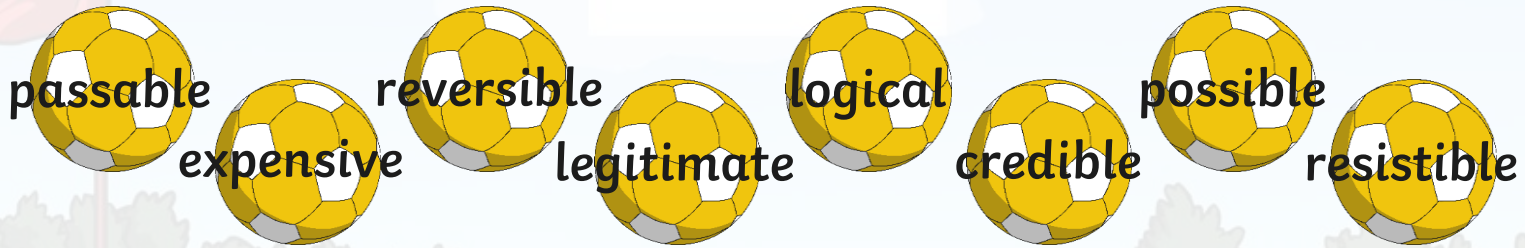
Root Word Sort

Match the root word to the rule you would need to follow when adding the prefix



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Assessment

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Mini Test

Use all of the information you have learned and practised about the prefix **in-**.

Work on your own to complete the prefix in- **Mini Test**.

Name: _____ Date: _____ /10 total marks

The Prefix in- Mini Test

1. Explain how adding the prefix in- changes the meaning of words. 2 marks

_____

_____

_____

2. The root words in Column A need the prefix in- adding to them. Fill in the Column B. 4 marks

	Column A	Column B
a)	reversible	
b)	logical	
c)	credible	
d)	possible	

3. For each of the above root words, explain the rule you used to change it into an in- prefix word. 4 marks

	Word	Rule Used
a)	reversible	_____
b)	logical	_____
c)	credible	_____
d)	possible	_____

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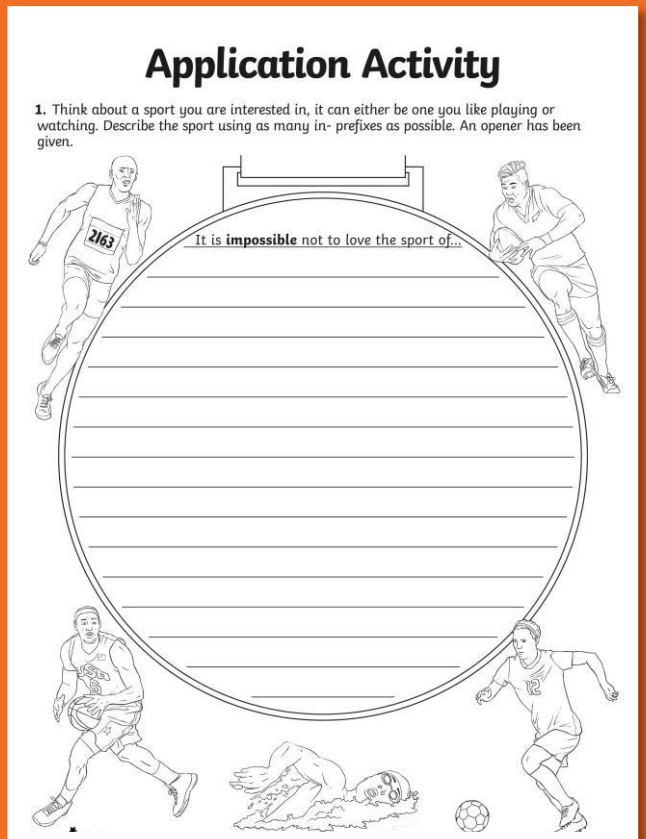
Application Activity

Use all of the information you have learned and practised about the prefix **in-**.

Work on your own to complete the **Application Activity**.



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