



V.015

Vocabulary

Morphemic Elements

Getting to the Root of It

Objective

The student will identify words with common roots and related meanings.

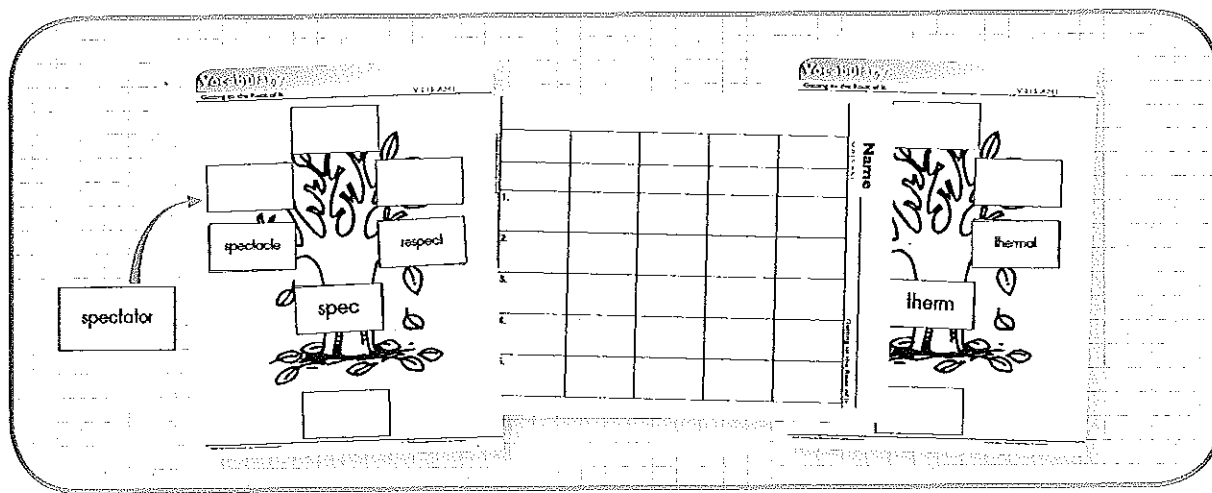
Materials

- ▶ Tree sorting board (Activity Master V.015.AM1)
Copy five times and laminate.
- ▶ Word, root, and meaning cards (Activity Master V.015.AM2a - V.015.AM2b)
Note: Roots used are photo, rupt, script, spec, therm.
- ▶ Student sheet (Activity Master V.015.SS1)
- ▶ Dictionaries
- ▶ Pencils

Activity

Students group words with common roots and related meanings by using a sorting board.

1. Place the word, root, and meaning cards face down in one stack. Place tree sorting boards face up in a row. Provide each student with a student sheet and a dictionary.
2. Taking turns, students select a card and read it (e.g., spectator). Place the card in one of the boxes on a tree. Note: Words containing a common root are placed on the same tree (e.g., *thermal* and *thermos* are on one; *spectacle* and *respect* are on another). Root cards are placed at the bottom of the tree in designated box (e.g., spec). Meaning cards are placed at the bottom of the sorting board in designated box (i.e., see).
3. Continue selecting, reading, and placing words until all cards are sorted on trees.
Record root, root meaning, and words on student sheet.
4. Discuss meanings of the roots and corresponding words. Use dictionary, as needed.
5. Teacher evaluation



Extensions and Adaptations

- ▶ Choose one root and write the words and their meanings on back of student sheet.
- ▶ Make other root and word cards (Activity Master V.015.AM3).
- ▶ Write other roots and related words (Activity Master V.015.SS2).
- ▶ Play memory game with cards by matching words with common roots.

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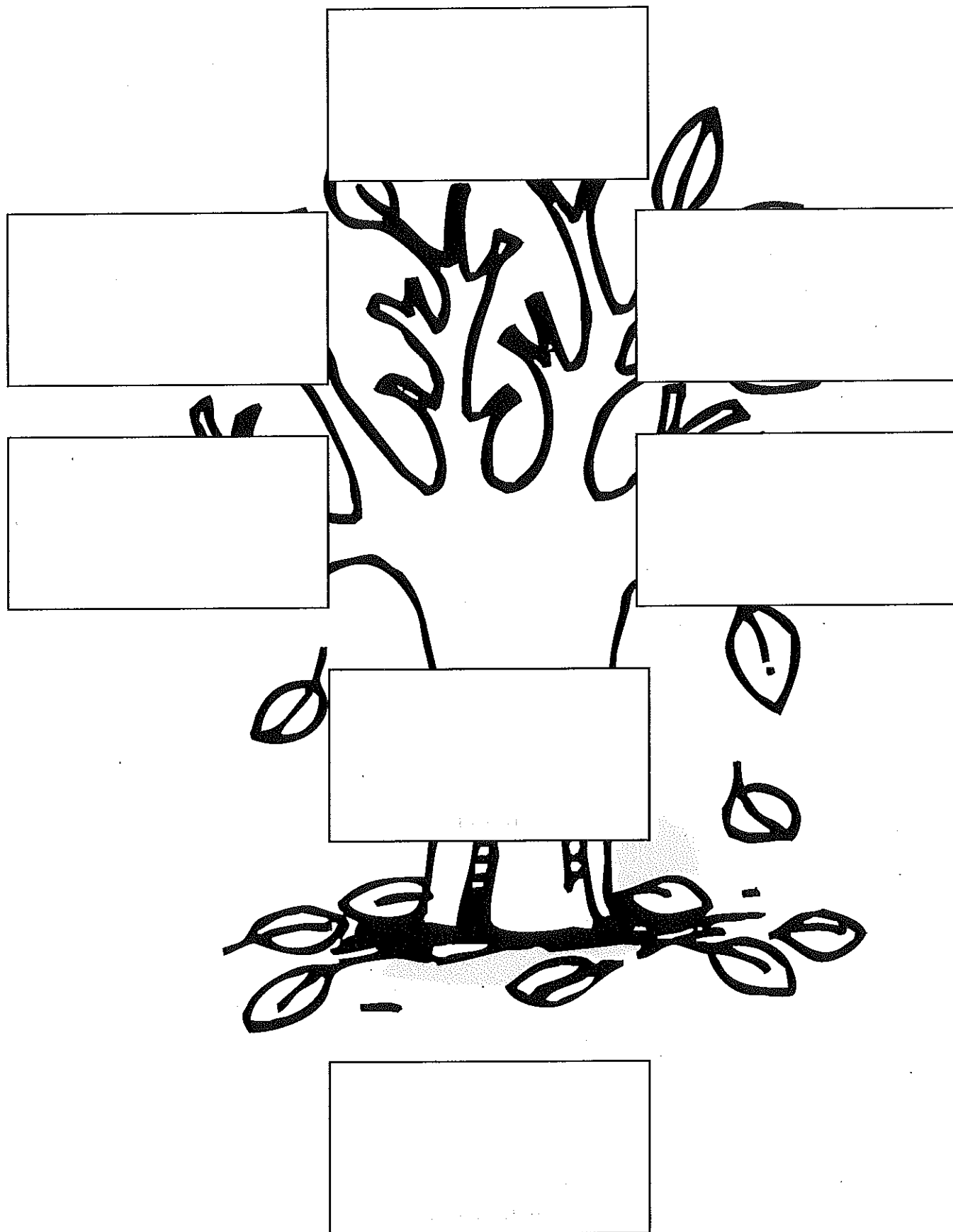


photo <small>pho-to</small>	rupt <small>rupt</small>	script <small>scrip-t</small>
light <small>light</small>	break <small>break</small>	write <small>wri-te</small>
photogenic <small>pho-to-jen-ic</small>	erupt <small>erupt</small>	prescription <small>pre-scrip-shun</small>
photographer <small>pho-to-graph-er</small>	interrupt <small>in-ter-rupt</small>	description <small>de-scrip-shun</small>
telephoto <small>tele-foto</small>	disrupt <small>dis-rupt</small>	inscription <small>in-scrip-shun</small>
photography <small>pho-to-graph-y</small>	rupture <small>rupt-ure</small>	manuscript <small>man-u-script</small>
photograph <small>pho-to-graph</small>	bankrupt <small>bank-rupt</small>	transcript <small>trans-cript</small>

word, root, and meaning cards



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therm	spec	
heat	see	
thermostat	spectator	
thermodynamic	respect	
thermos	suspect	
thermometer	inspect	
thermal	spectacle	

word, root, and meaning cards

