Rationale:

This resource includes practice work for 10 strategies to solving unknown words:

1. Dividing words into syllables
2. Using word parts
3. Using prefixes
4. Using suffixes
5. Connecting new words to known words
6. Background knowledge
7. Graphics
8. Text context
9. Readers' tools (glossary, index, dictionary)
10. Finding vowel patterns

These pages are great for big kids to practice all 10 of these strategies good readers use to solve challenging words.

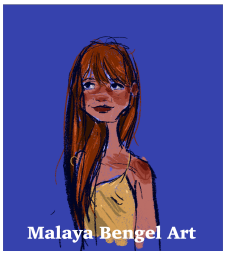
This resource is appropriate for grades 2-6.

The printable pages in this resource can be used in several ways, including:

- As daily morning work to review word work skills
- During guided reading small groups
- During independent reading time or centers
- To work with partners and small groups
- As an assessment for teachers to monitor students' spelling abilities
- As homework review sheets
- As a quick and fun 10 minute time filler.
- As 'when you're finished' additional work for students
- To use with substitute teachers

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GOOGLE™ LINKS FOR STUDENTS

Click each link to assign work to students each day!

Dividing Words Into Syllables

Using Word Parts

Using Prefixes

Using Suffixes

LINKS ACTIVE IN FULL VERSION

Connecting New Words to Known Words

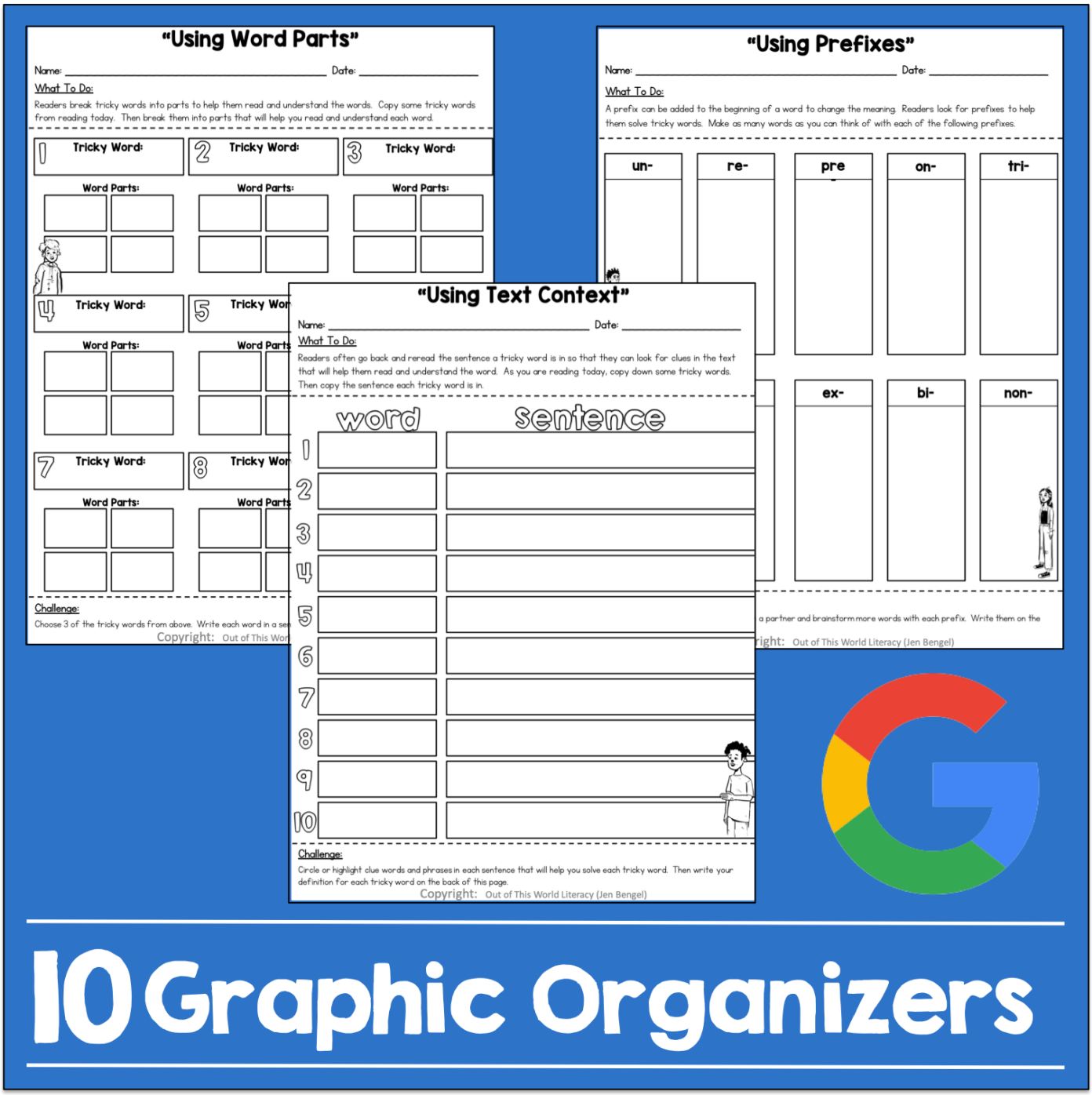
Background Knowledge

Graphics

Text Context

Readers' Tools

Finding Vowel Patterns



10 Graphic Organizers

"Literal vs. Figurative Meanings One"

Name: _____ Date: _____

What To Do:

An idiom is a phrase used commonly in a culture that means something other than what the words mean literally when they are standing on their own. Give the literal and figurative meanings for each of the idioms below.

Idioms	Literal Meaning	Figurative Meaning
your guess is as good as mine		
wouldn't be caught dead		
a blessing in disguise		
a chip on your shoulder		
a slap on the wrist		
a dime a dozen		
a drop in the bucket		
a leopard can't change his spots		
a penny saved is a penny earned		
actions speak louder than words		

Challenge:

Use the figurative meanings and write each idiom in a sentence on the
partner or small group.

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"Illustrating Idioms One"

Name: _____ Date: _____

What To Do:

An idiom is a phrase used commonly in a culture that means something other than what the words mean literally when they are standing on their own. The idiom has a figurative meaning. For each of the following idioms, draw a picture of the figurative meaning.

a penny for your thoughts

actions speak louder than words



at

the ball is in your court

raw a picture of the literal meanings of each idiom on the back of each card.
mall group, or the entire class.

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"Idioms and Writing"

Name: _____ Date: _____

What To Do:

An idiom is a phrase used commonly in a culture that means something other than what the words mean literally when they are standing on their own. Make a list of some idioms that you have heard or used before. Then write a story using all the idioms you listed.

Idioms

1 _____
2 _____
3 _____
4 _____
5 _____



My Story



Challenge:

Share your story with a partner. See if your partner can identify and define all of the idioms in your story!

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Challenge Activities



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Digital Included!

"Using Word Parts"

Name: _____ Date: _____

What To Do:

Readers break tricky words into parts to help them read and understand the words. Copy some tricky words from reading today. Then break them into parts that will help you read and understand each word.

1 **Tricky Word:**

Word Parts:

2 **Tricky Word:**

Word Parts:

3 **Tricky Word:**

Word Parts:



4 **Tricky Word:**

Word Parts:

5 **Tricky Word:**

Word Parts:

6 **Tricky Word:**

Word Parts:

SAMPLE

7 **Tricky Word:**

Word Parts:

8 **Tricky Word:**

Word Parts:

9 **Tricky Word:**

Word Parts:



Challenge:

Choose 3 of the tricky words from above. Write each word in a sentence on the back of this page.

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