

# ADVANCED SYLLABLE PLUS

## Board Game

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### INFORMATION FOR THE TEACHER

ADVANCED SYLLABLE PLUS is a hands-on game to teach older students to identify the basic prefixes, roots and suffixes and fit them into the traditional English syllable patterns. It is designed to provide practice and reinforcement with a minimum of teacher time. It can be used with students from 6th grade through college. Repeated practice will enable students to understand and see that polysyllabic words are combinations of syllables. As “decoding” becomes automatic, language energy can be applied towards comprehension.

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This game consists of the following materials:

- Game cards (prefixes, roots and suffixes) to be cut
- Guide strips for categorizing syllables (Two sheets to be cut horizontally into 16 strips)
- ADVANCED SYLLABLE PLUS instructions and Answer key

### DIFFERENCES BETWEEN SYLLABLE PLUS AND ADVANCED SYLLABLE PLUS

In SYLLABLE PLUS, all syllables containing an unaccented vowel (schwa sound) are placed in the PLUS category. In ADVANCED SYLLABLE PLUS, unaccented syllables may be left in their original categories OR placed in the PLUS category because they have two or more pronunciations. (Syllables may be placed in categories according to their visual patterns or moved to PLUS category where there are multiple pronunciations/sounds.) Teachers need to be aware that basic phonetic rules do not automatically carry over to prefixes, roots and suffixes. Read the PLUS category description very carefully for a more detailed explanation.

### PLAYING ADVANCED SYLLABLE PLUS

Students may begin with any set(s) of roots, prefixes or suffixes. Individually or in small groups, play continues until all the cards are sorted or fifteen minutes is up, whichever comes first. For the beginning students, teach the concept of the Closed syllable and ask the students to find all cards that are Closed syllables. Go through all the syllable patterns in the same way. Students will soon learn that some categories will have few or no prefixes, roots or suffixes. Students left holding cards probably have syllables in the PLUS category.

### ADVANCED SYLLABLE PLUS BOARD GAME EXAMPLE

The numbers in the corners of the games cards ease in sorting the games cards by sets.

CLOSED	C-L-E	OPEN	DOUBLE VOWEL	SILENT E	R CONTROL	PLUS
script 3R				-ile 3S	fort 6R	vince 8R
		post- 1P		side 8R		
	pre- 1P					
	multi- 1P	mis- 2P		oid 3S		