### peeling the spelling onion

# sounds & syllables the sensible spelling system

## layer 1

#### sound

using a spelling voice, listen to each sound within the word and say the word, articulating each sound within the word clearly and precisely

## layer 2

### spelling

using the <u>sounds</u> & sylla|bles five-step sequence, translate sounds into spellings, first snipping the word into syllables, and then segmenting and spelling the sounds within each syllable

## layer 3

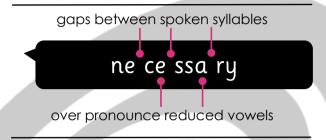
#### meaning

use the <u>sounds</u> & syllalbles morpheme chart to explore the spelling and meaning of morphemes within the word, the roots that convey core meaning and the affixes that modify it

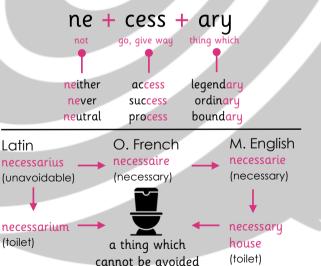
#### layer 4

#### story

tell the story of the word, uncovering its origins and revealing how the meaning and spelling of the word has evolved through time







the <u>sounds</u> & sy|lla|bles spelling voice illuminates the relationship between sound and spelling within the word by:

- saying syllables distinctly
- articulating all consonant sounds
- o over pronouncing reduced vowels
- o pronouncing elisions

explore how frequency, position and adjacency influence the spelling of sounds within the word

link to words with similar sound-spelling matches, words with:

- same sound and same spelling
- same sound different spelling

link to words with the same morphemes, noting:

- similarities in both spelling and meaning
- how spelling is preserved despite differences in pronunciation
- how affixing influences spelling of sounds at morpheme boundaries

invaluable free online resources are

- etymonline.com for learning about the etymology of individual words
- wordinfo.info for discovering words that share the same historical roots







