

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

gaps between spoken syllables

ne ce ssa ry

over pronounce reduced vowels

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

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

layer 2

spelling

using the sounds & sy|lla|bles five-step sequence, translate sounds into spellings, first snipping the word into syllables, and then segmenting and spelling the sounds within each syllable

n e | c e | ss a | r y

d e | c i d e
p e n | c i l
c o n | c e r t
r e | c i | p e

a n y
m a n y

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

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

- o same sound and same spelling
- o same sound different spelling

layer 3

meaning

use the sounds & sy|lla|bles 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

ne + cess + ary

not

go, give way

thing which

neither
never
neutral

access
success
process

legendary
ordinary
boundary

link to words with the same morphemes, noting:

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

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

Latin
necessarius
(unavoidable)

O. French
necessaire
(necessary)

M. English
necessarie
(necessary)

necessarium
(toilet)



a thing which
cannot be avoided

necessary
house
(toilet)

invaluable free online resources are

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