

How to teach the word 'circumference'

We use phonics to read and spell words.

'circumference'

1. Say the word with correct syllable stress
'**circum**'frence'

Use 'spelling voice' for syllables:
cir-cum-fer-ence

2. Split word into syllables

cir-cum-fer-ence

3. Map the graphemes within syllables:

c ir **c** **u** **m** **f** **e** **r** **e** **n** **ce**

cell
cinema
cycle
cent
celebrity

4. Identify tricky parts

dance
chance
fence
since
distance

5. Link to other words

6. Teaching points:

- The letter <c> can spell the sounds /s/ and /k/. These can appear within one word, e.g. **c**ycle, **c**yclone, **a**ccess.
- The spellings <c> and <ce> can represent the sound /s/

We use morphology to comprehend and spell words.

'circumference'

1. Define word

Circumference: The distance (perimeter) around the edge of a circle

2. Identify morphemes in word

circum-fer-ence

3. Explain morphemes and link to other words

circum = around
(from Latin)

fer = carry, lead
(from Latin)

ence = noun suffix -
quality or state of
being (from Latin)

Words to explore:

circumvent - go around
circumspect - unwilling to take a risk
circus - travelling group of entertainers (acrobats, clowns) who usually perform in a tent

Words to explore:

trans**fer** - to move from one place to another
off**er** - to present
diff**er**ent - not the same

5. Teaching points:

Teach morpheme '**circum**' and '**fer**' and explore related words.

