

# Read It! On Your Own: The CIST Strategy

**Prefixes**

**BIG WORDS**

CUT

one nation under God, **indivisible** with liberty

**Suffixes**

FOLD

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**S**

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TEACH YOUR STUDENTS TO READ, SPELL, AND ACCESS THE MEANING OF MULTI-SYLLABIC WORDS ON THEIR OWN

Students use the slide card (or their thumbs) to find and isolate the affixes. Next, they identify the vowels and their syllables. Finally, they say the syllables and flex the vowel, syllable division or accent, if necessary, to make their best pronunciation choice.

CLICK the link for the FREE slide cards and the multi-syllabic instructional strategies for familiar and unfamiliar words.