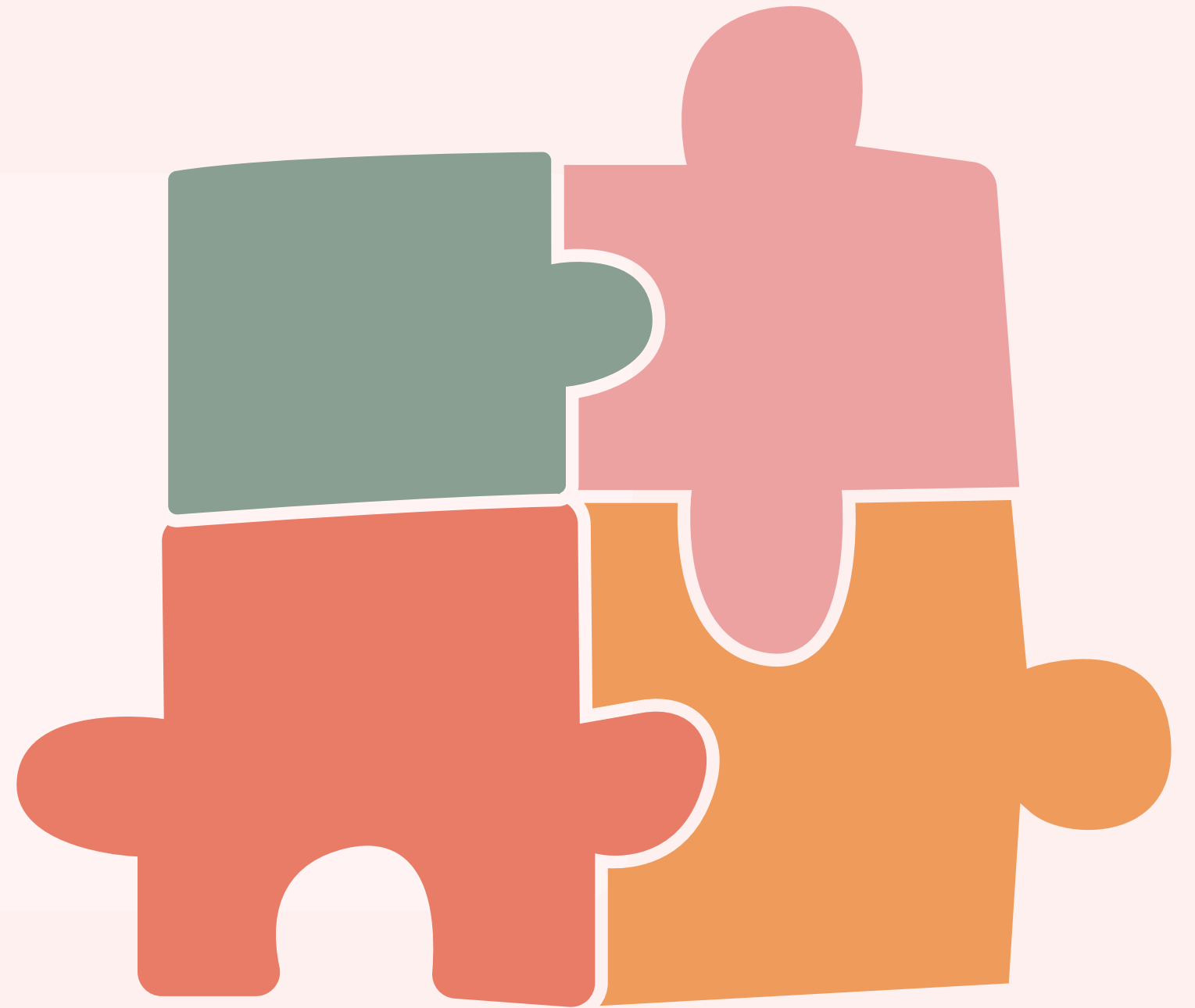


Prefixes & Suffixes

Language Arts 1



During this lesson, you'll learn to:



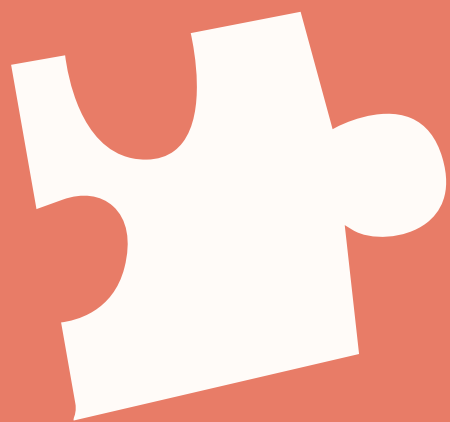
- Find and tell the meaning of most prefixes.
- Find and tell the meaning of most suffixes.



Parts of words fit together like pieces of a puzzle.

The root word or base word is the basic part of a word that has meaning and can be used all on its own.

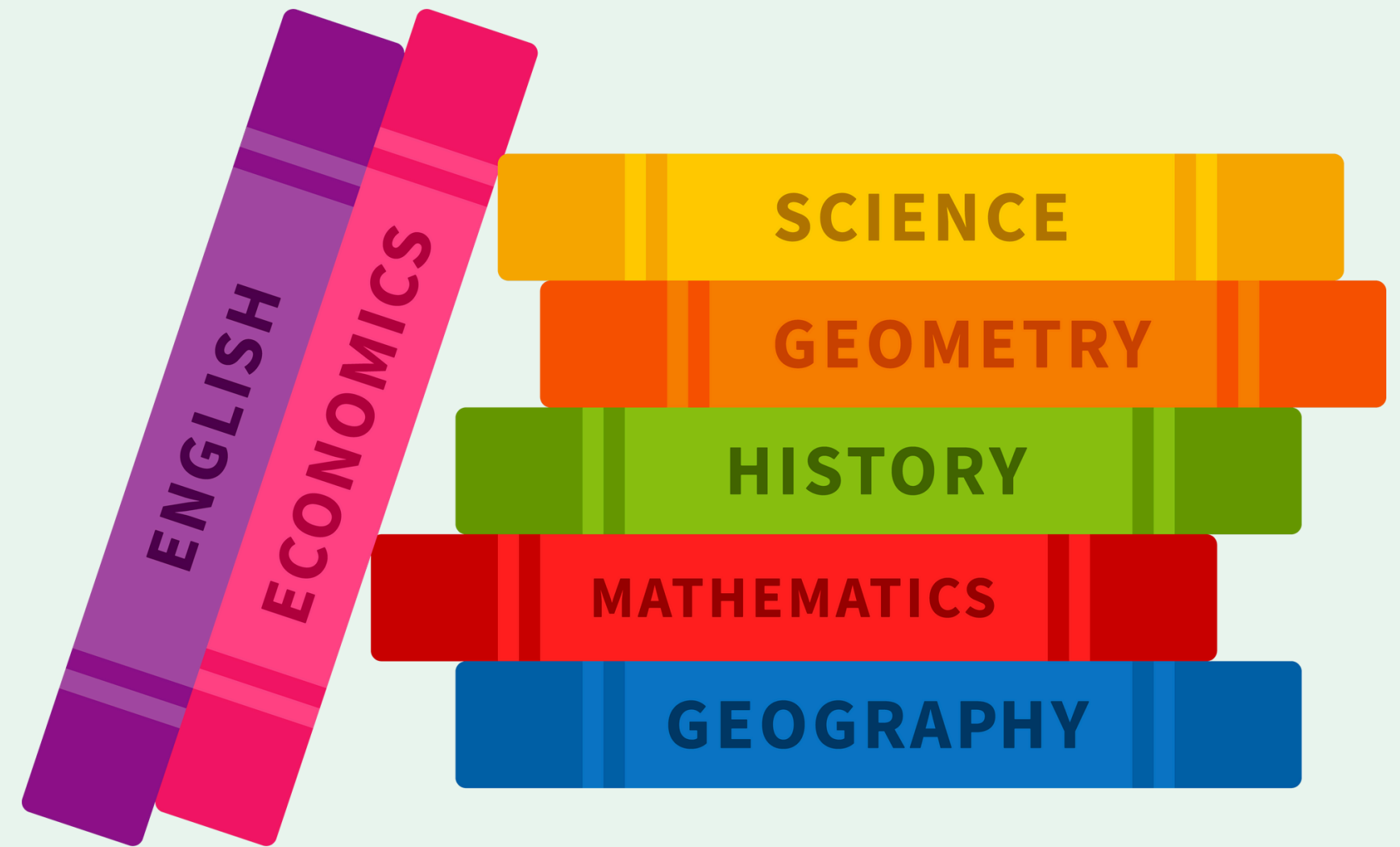
An affix is one or more letters that can be added to the front or the back of a root word to change its meaning.



Vocabulary for Different Subjects

- **Science:** hypothesis, experiment, analyze
- **Math:** calculate, equation, geometric
- **Social Studies:** civilization, democracy, economy

Have you seen these words before in other classes? Each of these contains a root word and an affix!





Common Latin Roots

"**dict**" = say
(dictate, predict)

"**spec**" = look
(spectacle,
inspect)

"**struct**" = build
(construct,
structure)

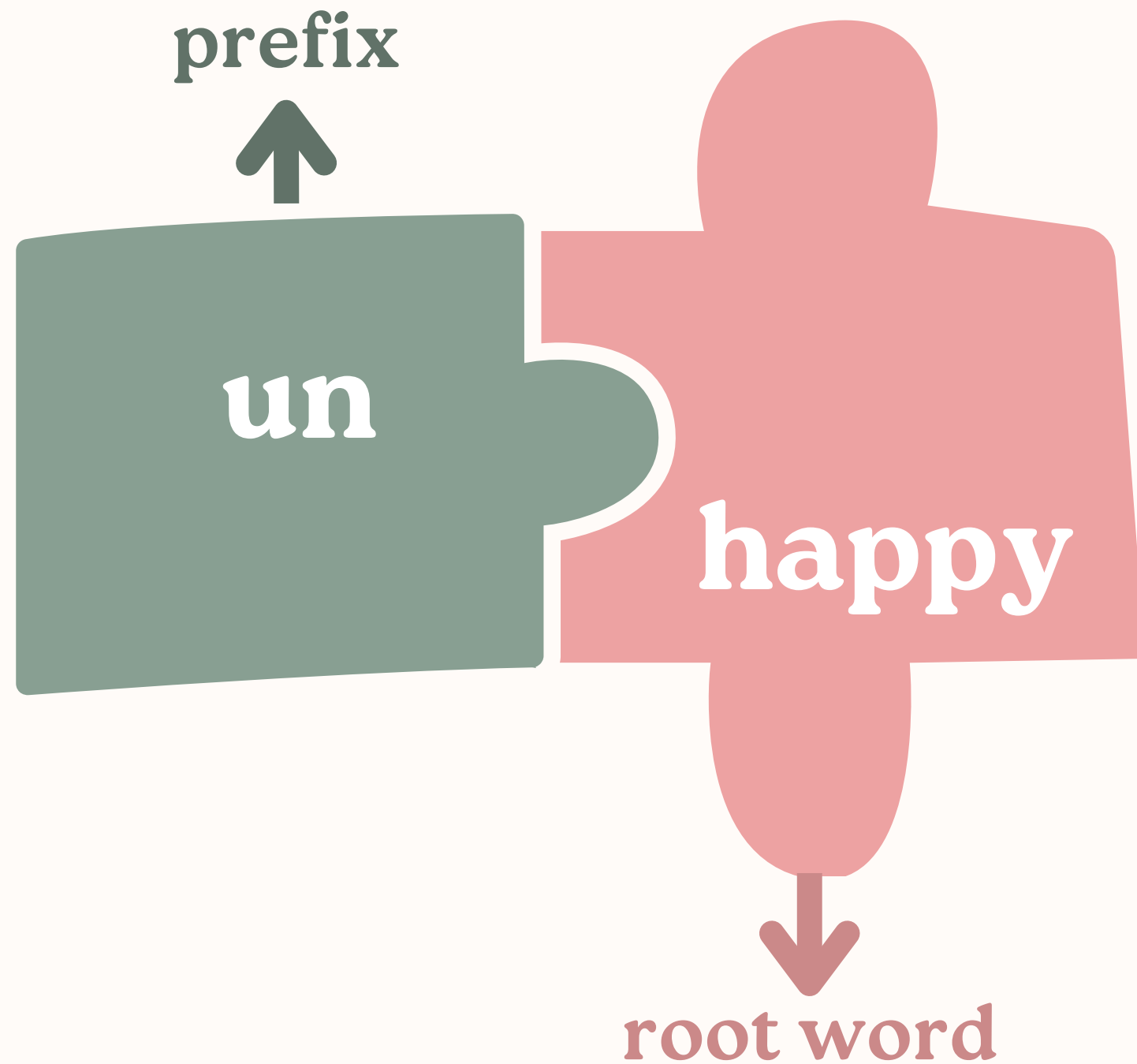
"**aud**" = hear
(audience,
auditory)

Prefixes:

A prefix is a word or part of a word that is placed in the front of another word to change its meaning.

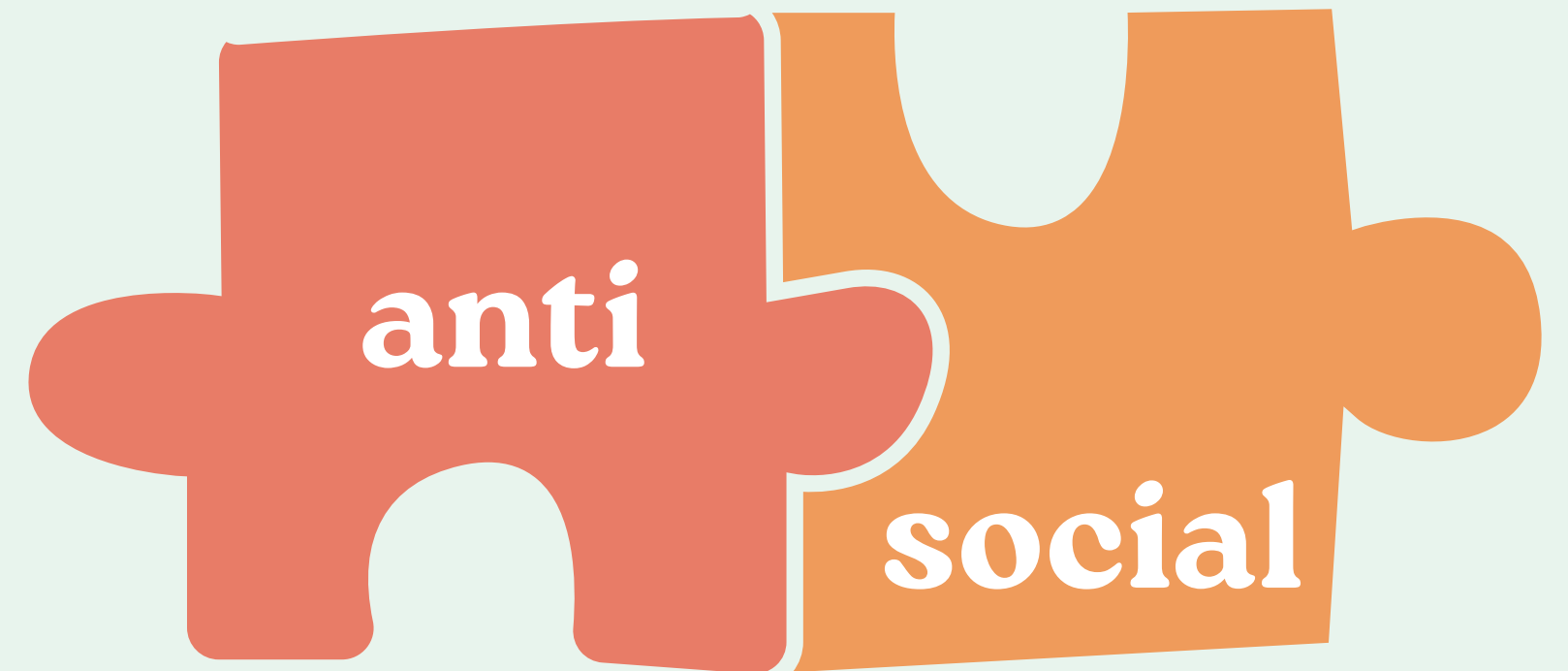
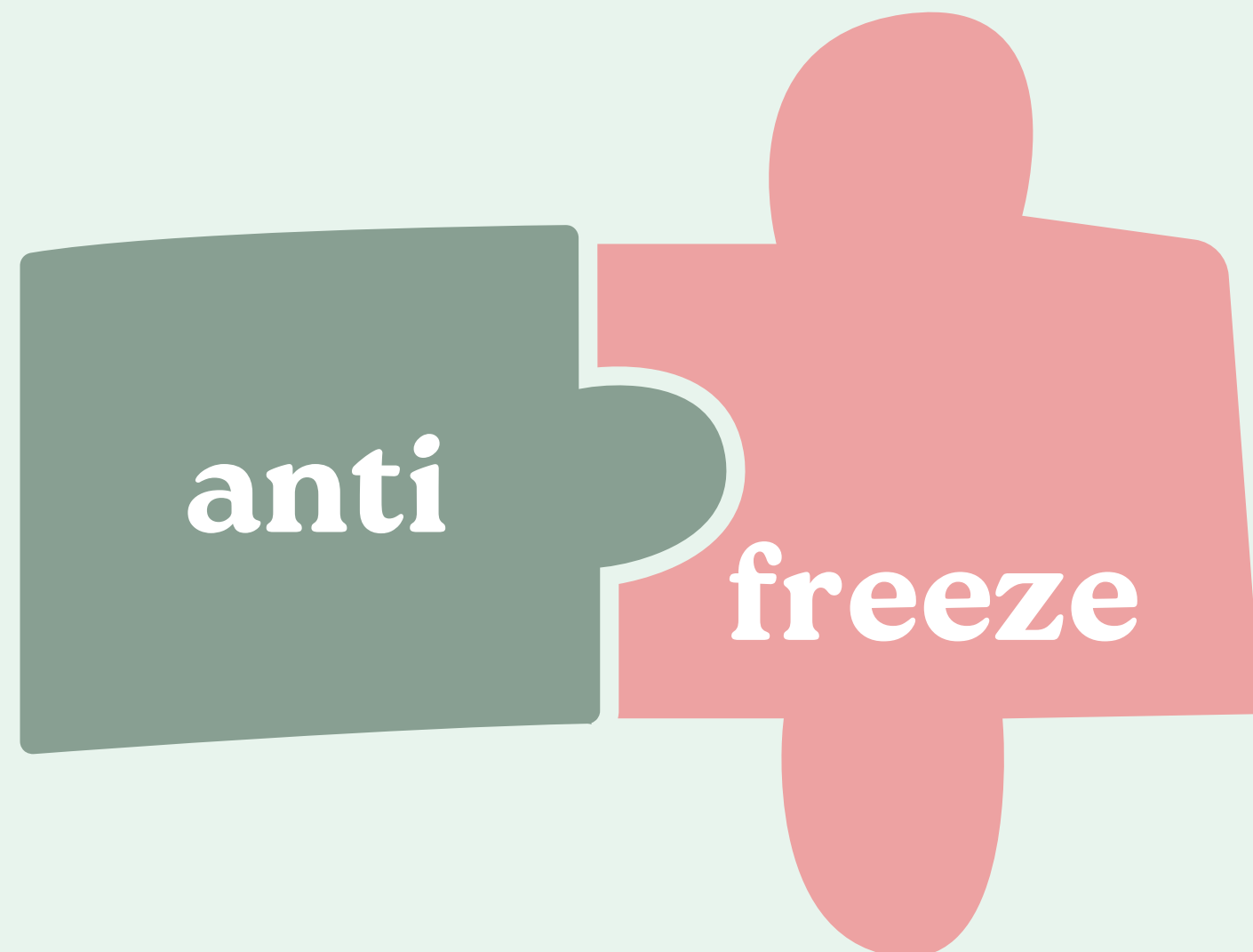
The meaning of the prefix can help us understand the meaning of the word.

un means not
unhappy means not happy



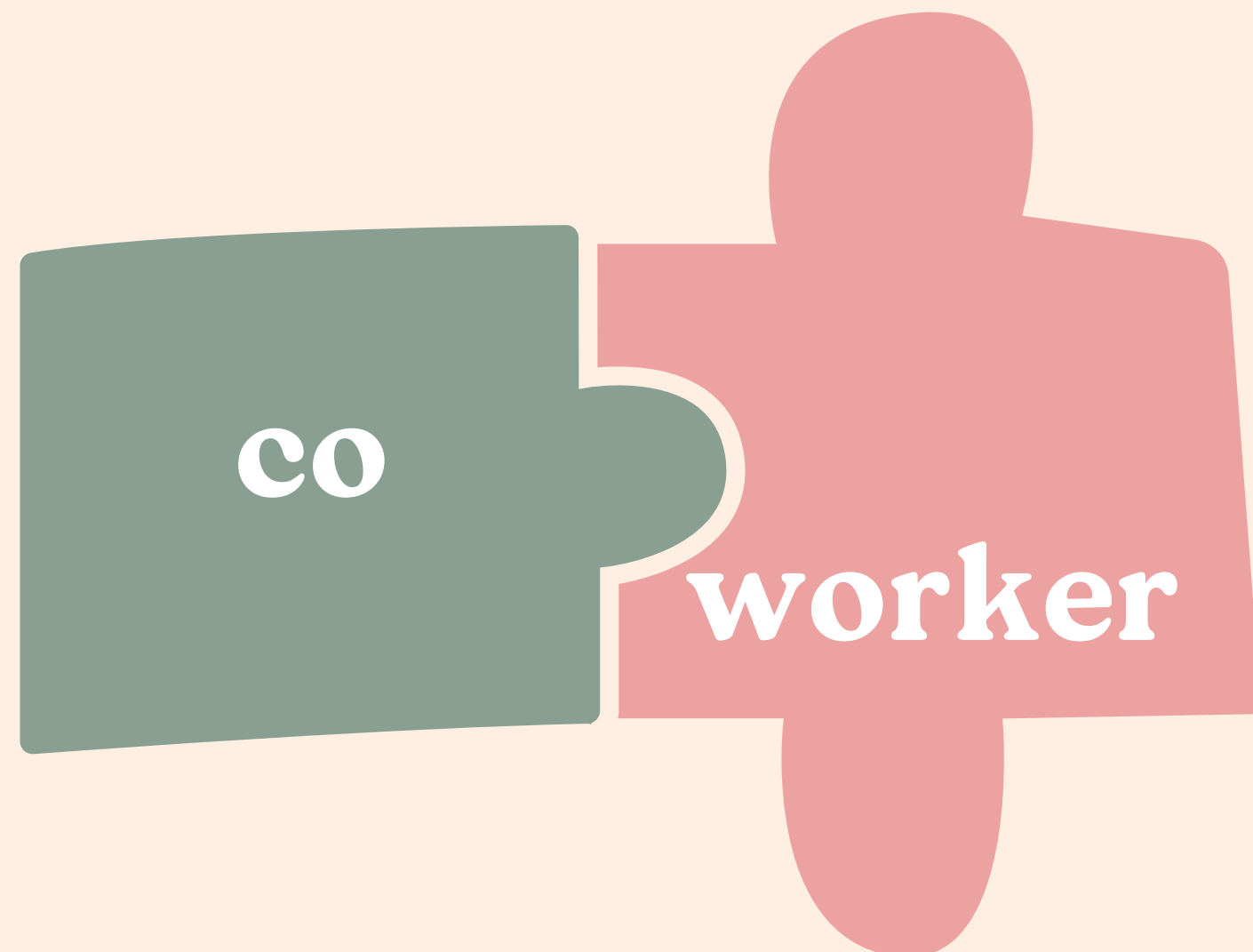
Example:

anti means against



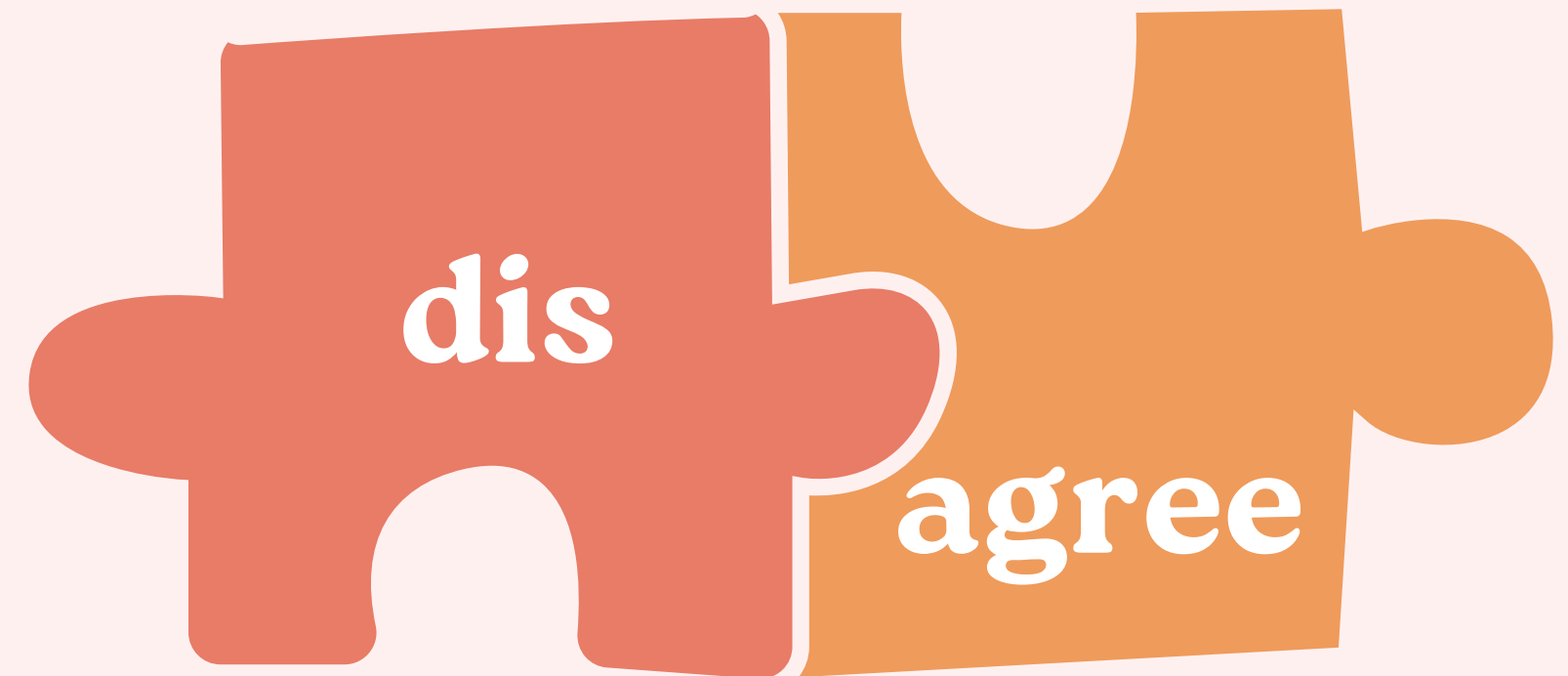
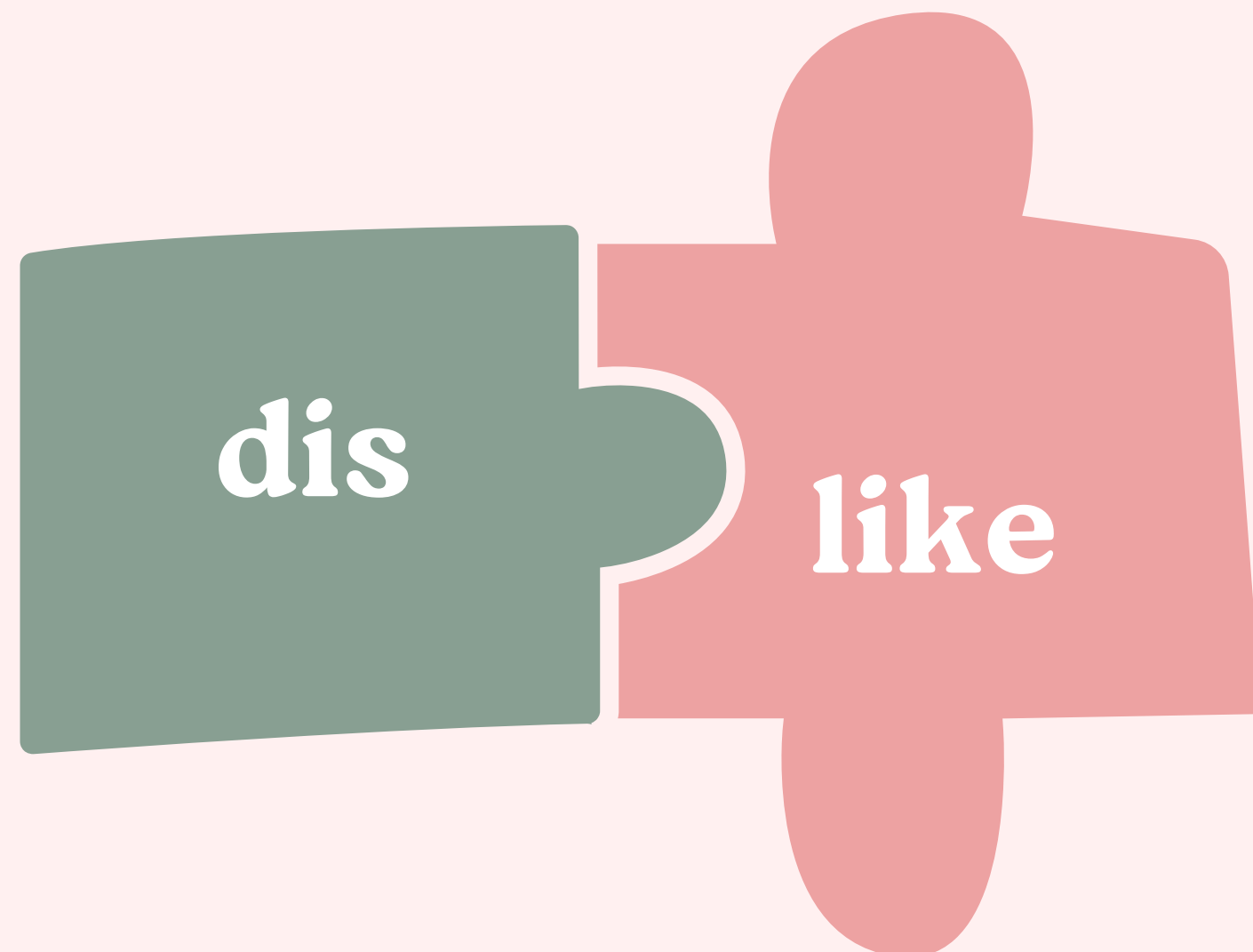
Example:

co means with



Example:

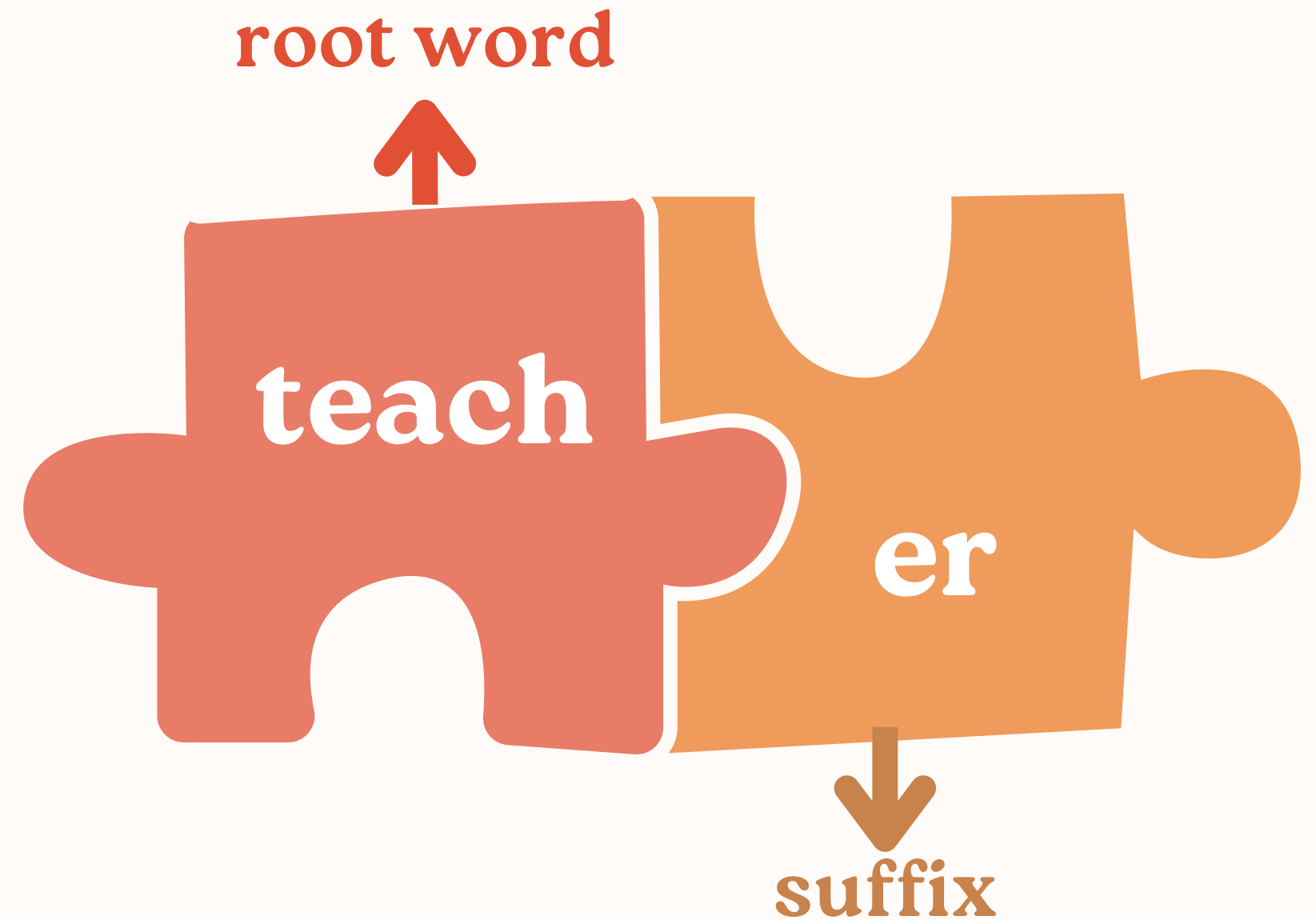
dis means not



Suffixes:

A suffix is a word or part of a word that is placed at the end of another word to change its meaning.

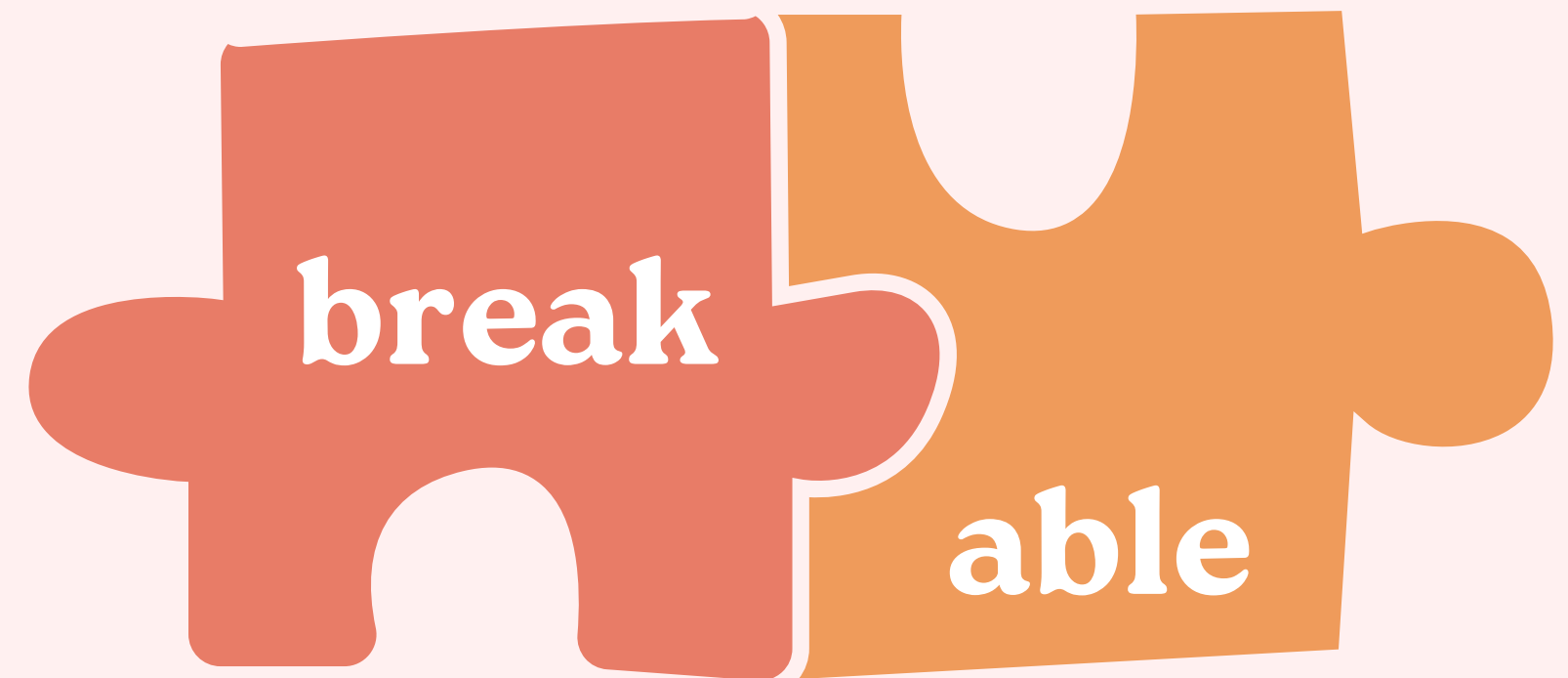
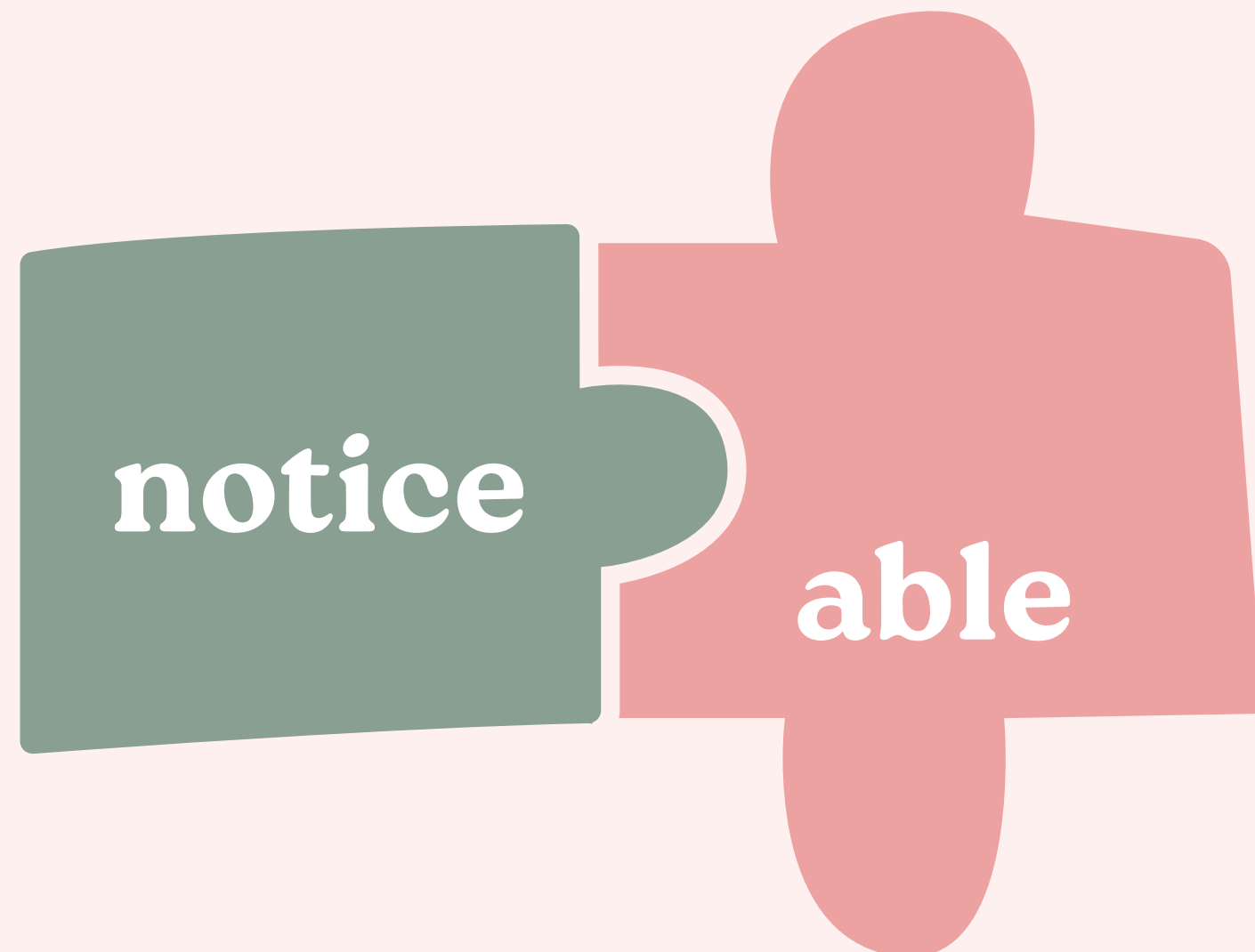
The meaning of the suffix can help us understand the meaning of the word.



er means person who does an action
teacher means person who teaches

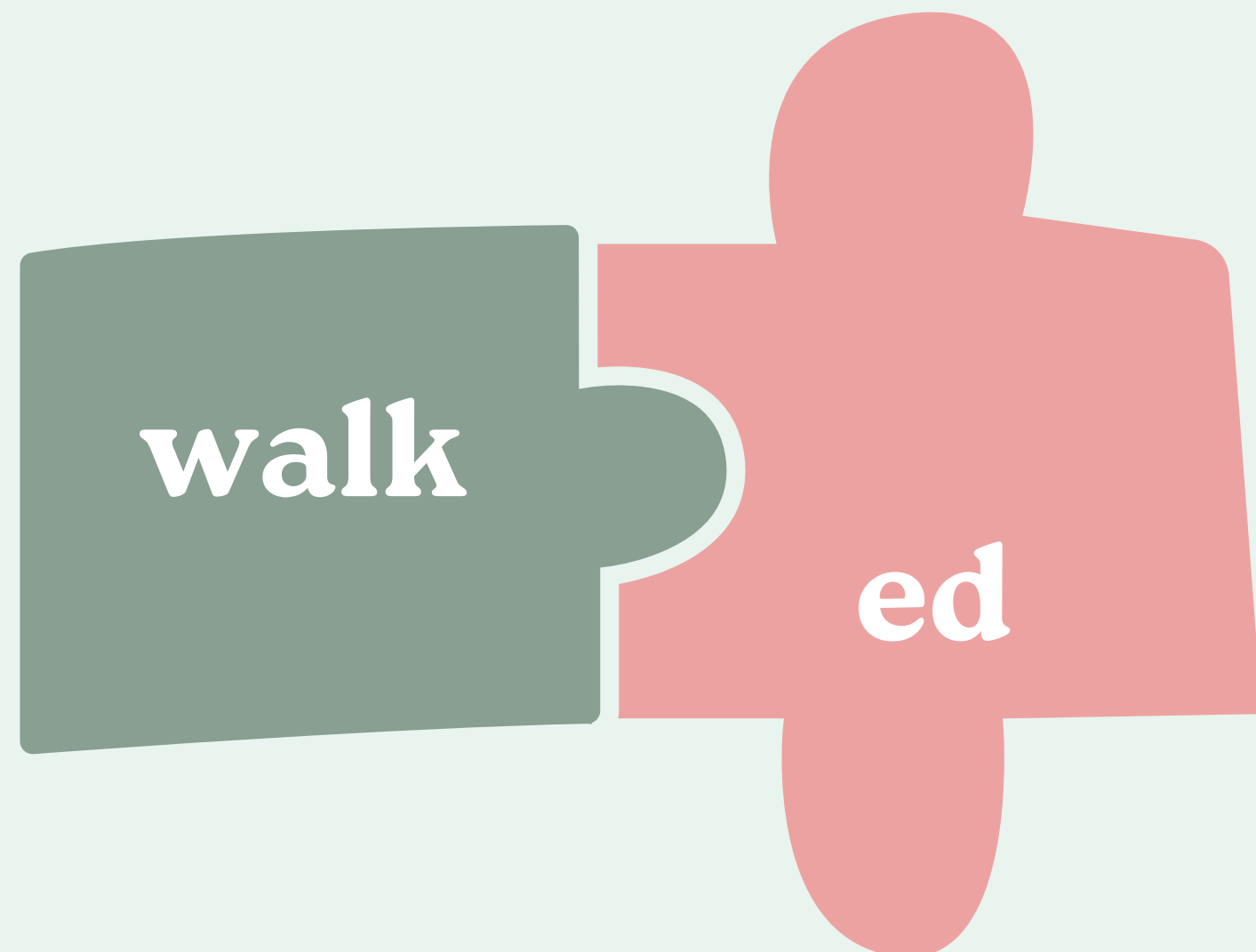
Example:

able means can be done



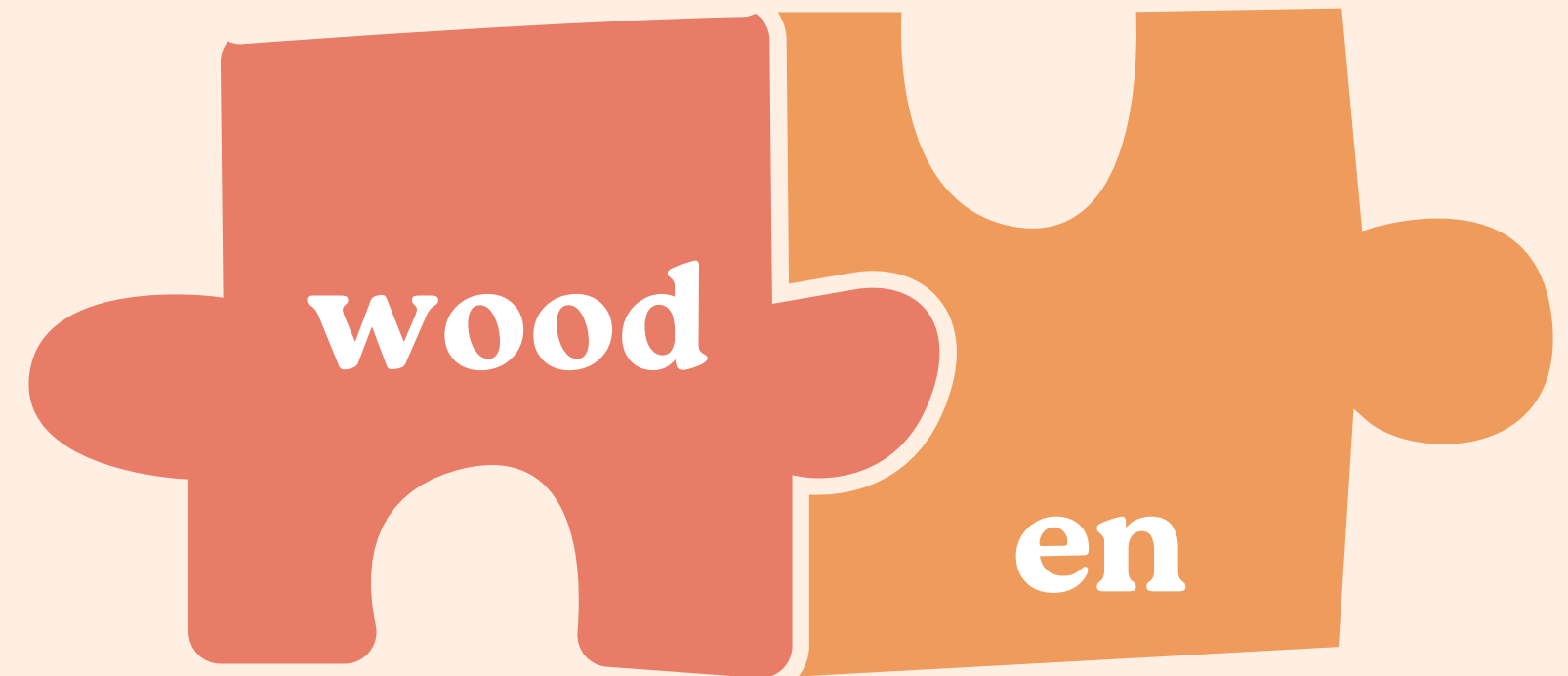
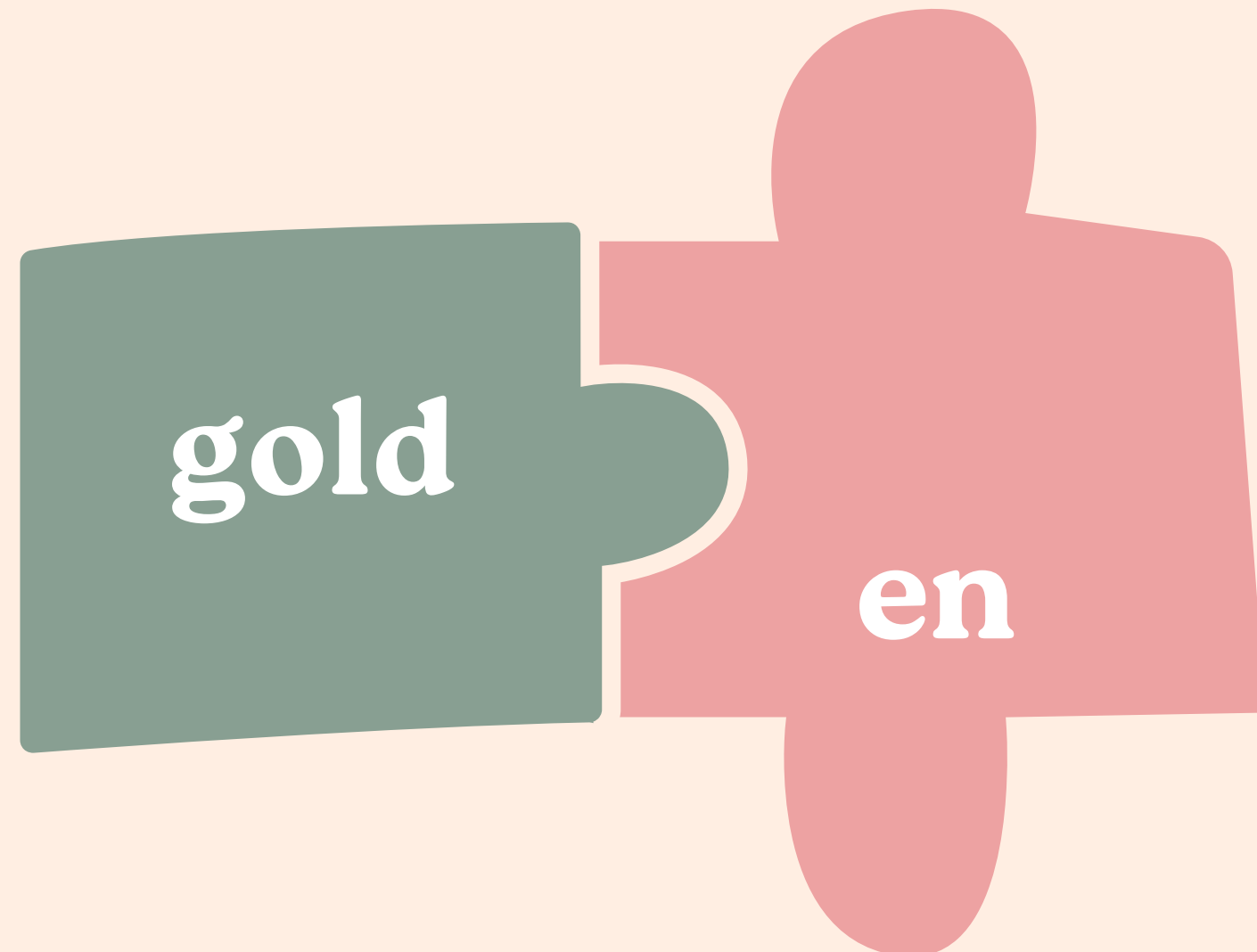
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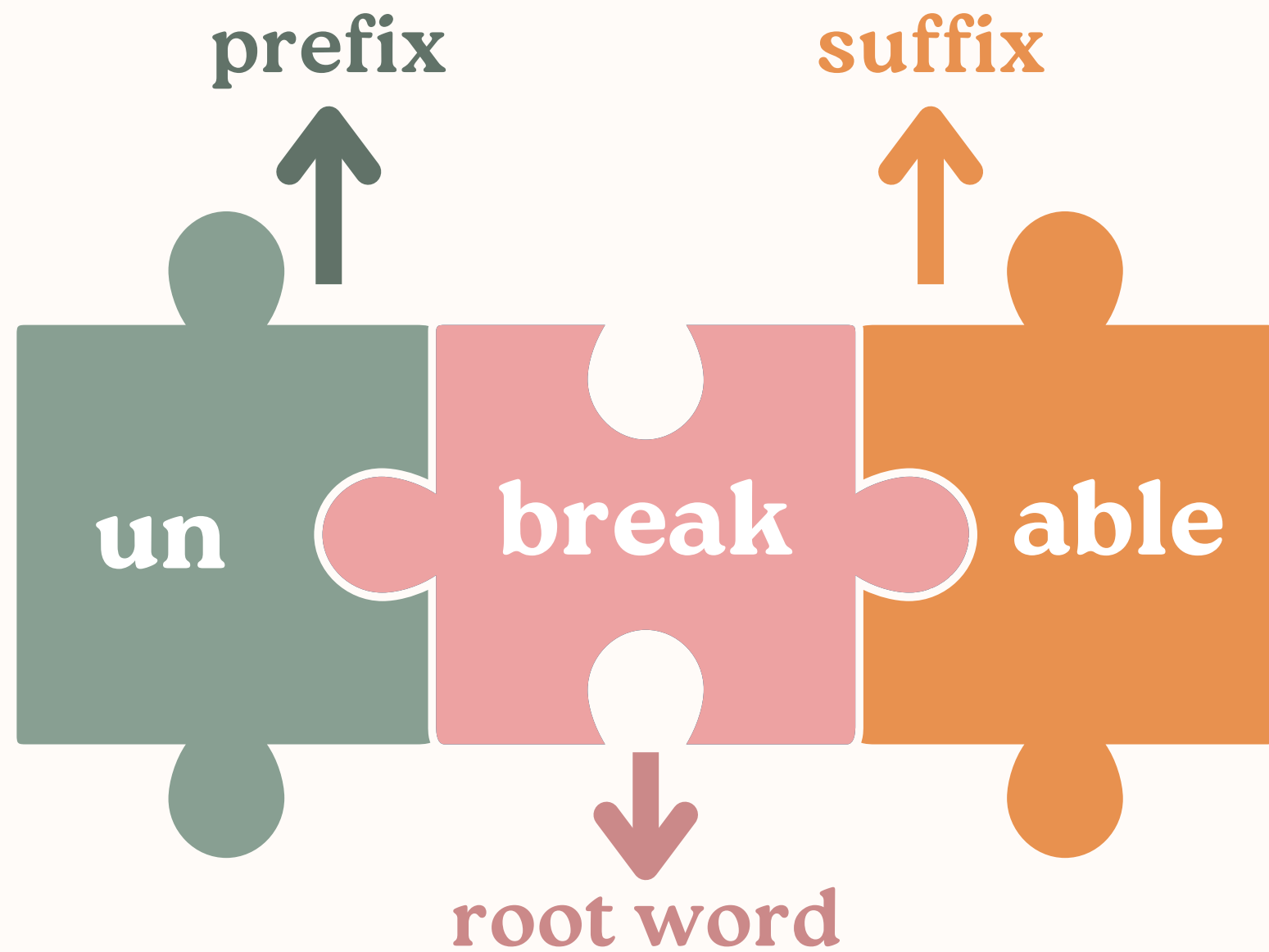
ed means already happened



Example:

en means made of





Putting it all together

Root + Prefix + Suffix = New Word

Research Writing Skills

Using prefixes, root words, and suffixes helps improve your word knowledge, allowing you to read more complex text, choose precise words for writing, and express yourself clearly!

Instead of big: enormous, massive, substantial
Instead of small: minute, tiny, microscopic

