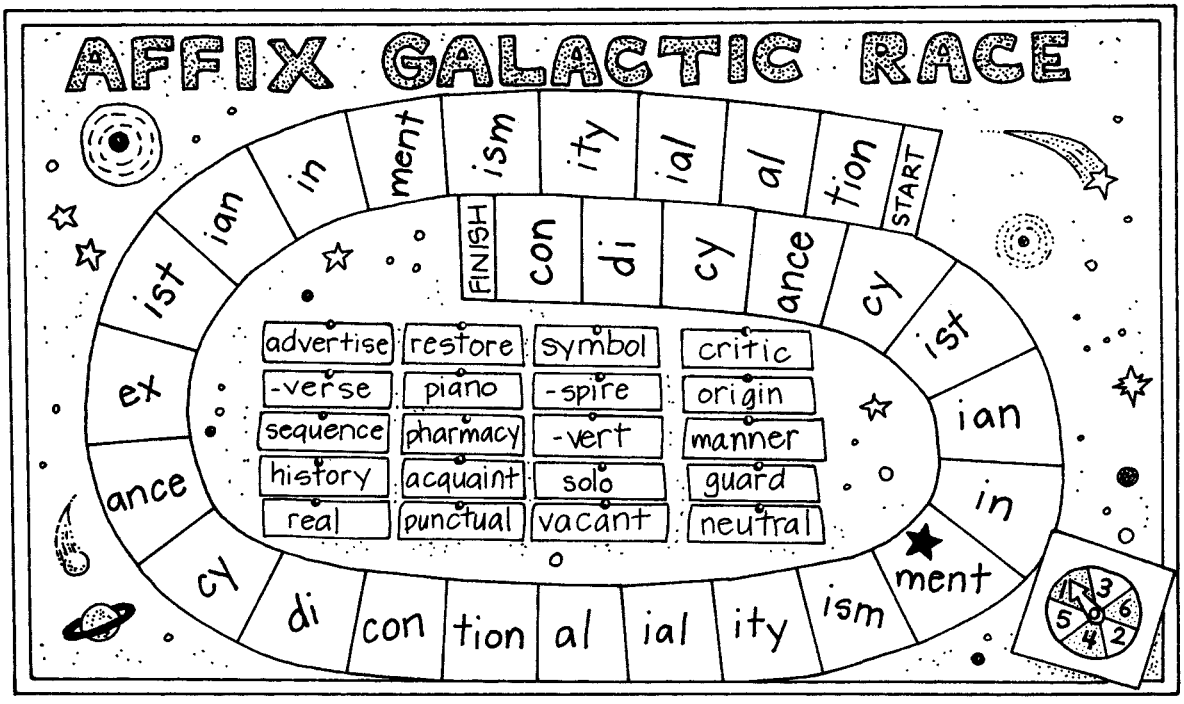

How to make: Use a piece of bulletin board paper to make a large spiral galaxy like the one shown above. Write a prefix or a suffix in each space as shown. Then write a base word or word root for Basic Words containing the affixes on each of 20 index cards. Staple the galaxy and the title "Affix Galactic Race" to the bulletin board. Pin the word cards in the center of the galaxy. Use thumbtacked cardboard stars for markers. Make a spinner by dividing a cardboard square into six spaces that radiate from the center of the square. Number the spaces 1–6 and color each one a different color. In the center of the square, secure an arrow-shaped piece of cardboard with a brad. Attach the arrow loosely enough to be spun around.

How to use: Students will need a pencil and a piece of paper. A student spins the arrow and moves that many spaces. The student then reads the affix on the space where he or she has landed. Have the student remove from the center of the galaxy the base word or word root that can be combined with his or her affix to make a Basic Word and write the word on the paper.

Remind students that adding certain affixes will cause the spelling of the base word or word root to change. Have students check one another's spellings. If the spelling is correct, the student will stay in that space until his or her next turn. If the spelling is wrong, the student will go back to his or her original space and return the card to the center of the galaxy. The first person to finish wins the game.

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