

Vocabulary Sunrise: Latin Root fractio

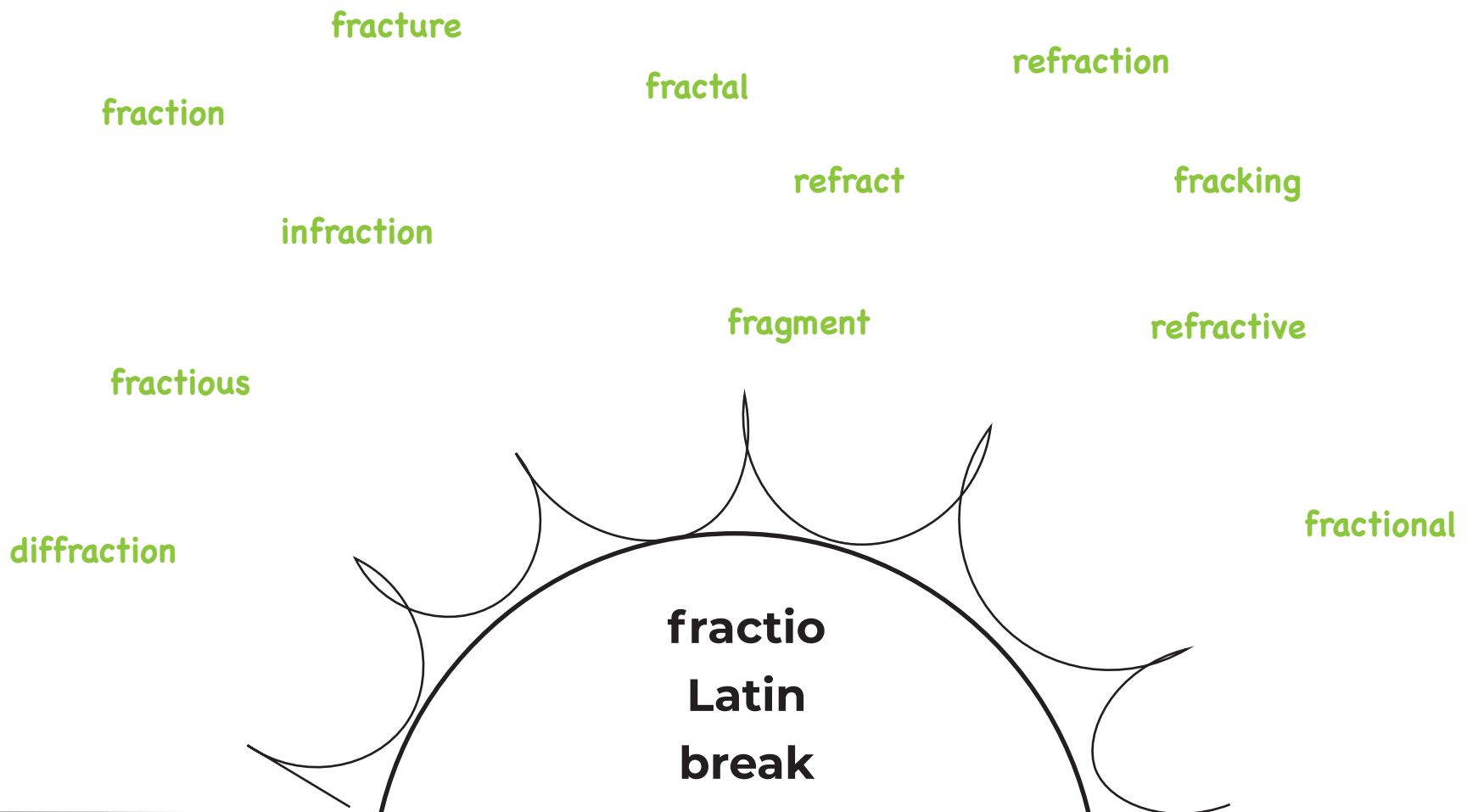
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Example

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Give each student or student group a copy of the blank handout and have them generate lists of words to include around the sunrise.

Have a class discussion to identify which **fragment** of each word relates to 'fractio.'

Have your students use 'fractio' as the root for the name of a superhero or villain. They could illustrate and describe the character, explaining how their superpowers and names are related. What other classical roots could be adapted to name comic book characters, vehicles, or pets?
Thinking of you, INDESTRUCTO!

Let students study one of the example words and then report on how its meaning relates to 'break.'

Demonstrate the power of learning about classical roots. Explain that 'fracking' is something geologists do to rocks in order to get to the oil underneath them. Invite your students to imagine what 'fracking' does to the rocks based only on its Latin root 'fractio.'

You might give each student a copy of the Example page. Have them explain what is 'breaking' in each word. Breaking rules is an infraction. Breaking whole numbers is a fraction. Breaking up rocks is fracking.

Challenge your students to use as many 'fractio' words as possible during the week.



fractio
Latin
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Teacher Tips

INDESTRUCTO was a beloved car from my youth. It lasted a long time, eventually sold, and could still be driving around somewhere.

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