



Check

Exceptional Expressions For Everyday Events

Many words can communicate more precisely the kinds of activities in which students engage. In a classroom, **check** is often used to mean confirm or verify. **Check** can also be used in the sense of testing something.

A third use of the verb is to limit or stop (e.g., The new law served to check the amount of funding). See how many of the words in the word web you and your students can integrate into your everyday classroom talk.

Follow-Ups

- How is examining different from scanning?
- How is to validate or to certify different from to check?
- If someone asks you to monitor the fish in the fish tank, what does the person want you to do?
- What does it mean to check your emotion or attitude at the door?

The Spanish Connection

The word **check** comes from the Middle English word *chek-en*, although it was derived from other languages. Originally, *chek-en* was used to describe a move in chess. We still use the word **check** in chess, though this is not the most common usage for the word **check**. The Spanish word for **to check** is the cognate *chequear*.

Word Changes

- **Check** can also be used as an adjective. Some tablecloths have a checked pattern that looks like a chessboard.
- There are two common definitions for the word **checker**. The first refers to the playing pieces used in the game checkers. Although the word **check** was originally used in chess, and the game of checkers is related to chess, the word **checker** is not **check** with the inflected ending **-er**. **Checker** is derived from the original use of the word, which meant to play chess.
- The second common definition for the word **checker** is a person who tallies the cost of items at a store. **Checker** in this definition derives from the use of **check** meaning to confirm or verify.



Check



Check as in to make sure

- confirm
- verify
- inspect
- examine
- ensure
- document
- validate
- ascertain
- monitor
- certify

Check as in to test out

- probe

Check as in to limit

- stop
- curb



Check

IDIOMS

- Take stock
- Eyeball
- Double-check
- Get down cold
- Take another look

COMMON PHRASES

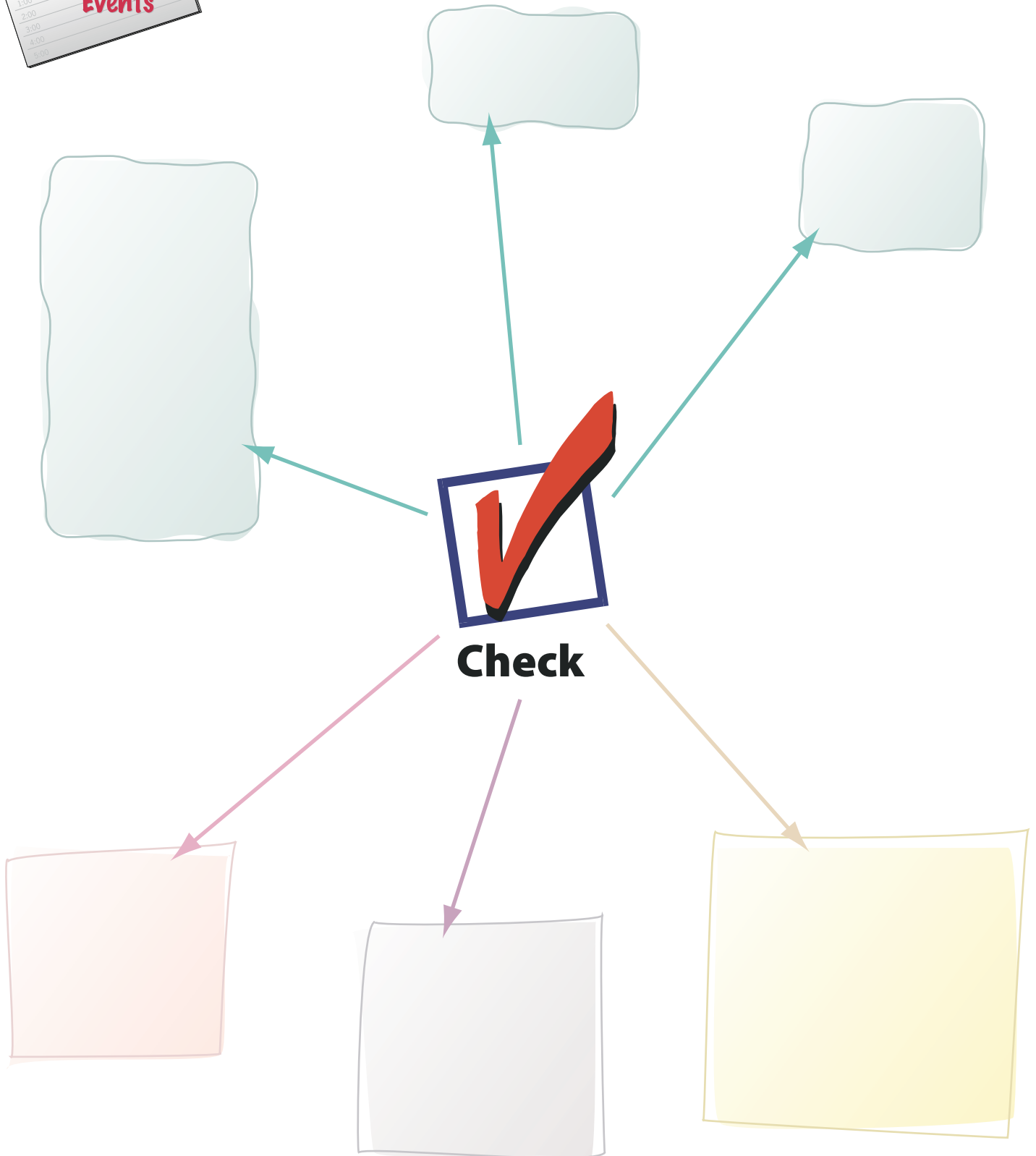
- Check it out
- Check into
- Check off
- Check in/check out
- Checking on _____
(e.g., the house)

THE SPANISH CONNECTION

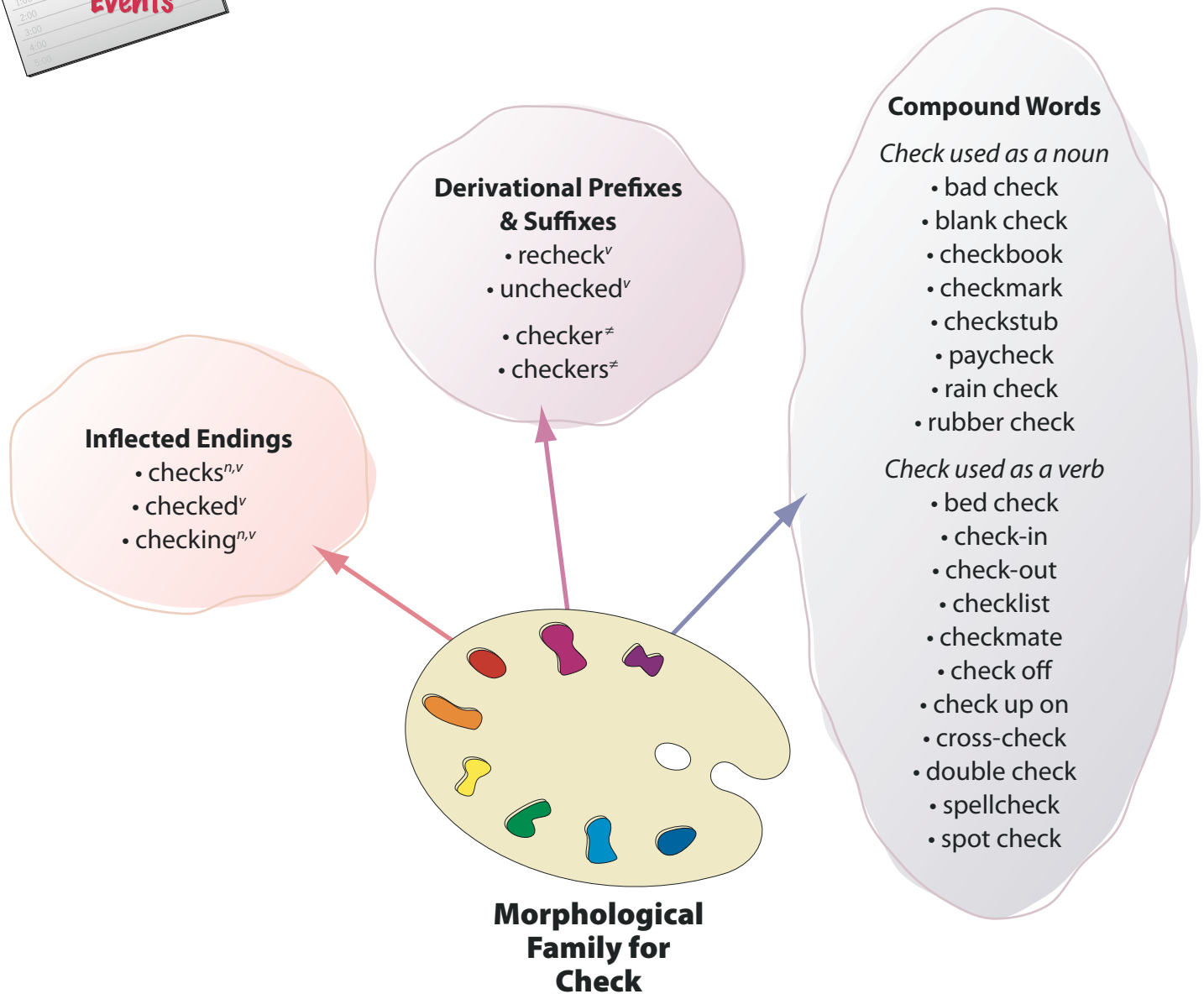
- to examine / examinar
- to validate / validar
- to monitor / monitor
- to certify / certificar
- to confirm / confirmar
- to verify / verificar
- to inspect / inspeccionar
- to document / documentar



Check



Check



ⁿ Check used as a noun

^v Check used as a verb

[≠] Not derived from Check



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