



# Loud

## Exceptional Expressions For Everyday Events

Rarely are students told to be loud in a classroom. It is much more likely for students to hear that they are too loud. But there are times when students are asked to “think out loud” or “read out loud.”

**Loud** is an excellent word to discuss in class, particularly in comparison to its opposite—**quiet**. A word line with **loud** at one end and **quiet** at the other can be useful to make distinctions about relative noise levels.

## Follow-Ups

- How can thinking out loud be helpful in group work?
- When is being loud distracting to others?
- Are there appropriate and inappropriate times to be loud?
- How is reading out loud beneficial to students?

## The Spanish Connection

The word **loud** comes from a common West Germanic or Old English word *hlud*. The Spanish word for **loud** is not a cognate. But some of the synonyms for **loud** do have Spanish cognates. For example, the cognate of the word **sonorous** is *sonoro(a)*.

## Word Changes

- **Loud** is most common as an adjective, referring to a high volume of noise, whereas its opposite, **quiet**, may serve as a verb, noun, or adjective. When we want to describe the manner in which a sound occurs, we might use a morphological family member, the adverb **loudly**.
- The adjective **loud** can describe an object that is considered offensive or tasteless, such as clothing in bright colors that clash.
- The prefix **a-** typically changes the definition of a word to its opposite. For example, **atypical** means not typical. But in the case of **aloud**, the prefix **a-** changes the meaning to “with a voice” or “audibly.”



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## more challenging words

- sonorous
- cacophonous
- strident

## Loud as in producing a loud sound

- ear splitting
- raucous
- shrill
- thunderous
- booming
- blustering
- roaring
- piercing

## more challenging words

- obstreperous
- clamorous
- vociferous
- vociferant

## Loud as in a state of being

- noisy
- boisterous
- deafening
- rowdy

## more challenging words

- conspicuous
- ostentatious

## Loud as in intrusive in appearance or smell

- bright
- busy
- obnoxious
- crass
- garish
- gaudy
- flashy
- showy
- bold



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### IDIOMS

- Make some noise
- Make noise about
- Full of noise
- Actions speak louder than words

### COMMON PHRASES

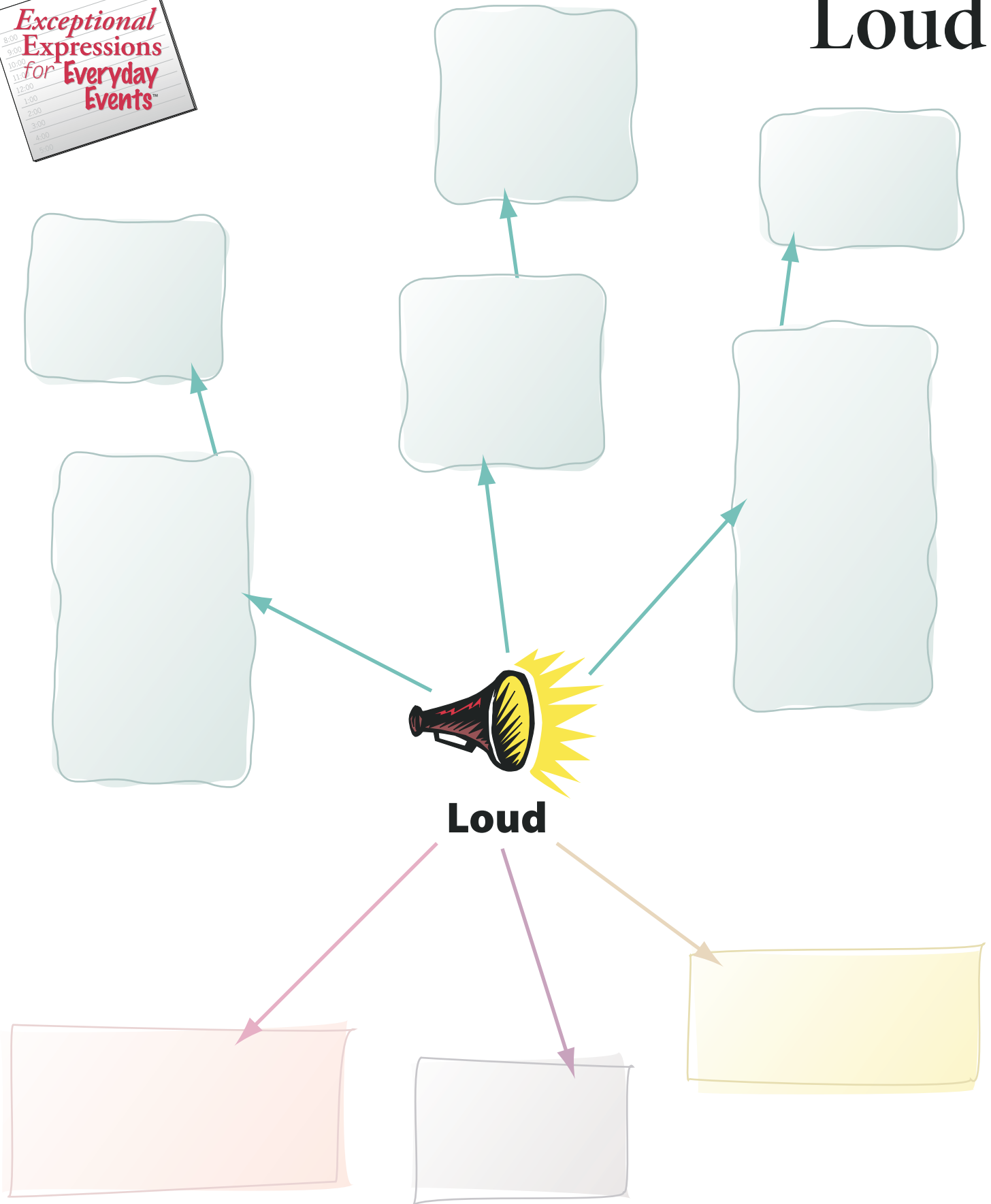
- For crying out loud
- Think out loud
- Loud and clear

### THE SPANISH CONNECTION

- sonorous / sonoro(a)
- strident / estridente
- vociferous / vociferante

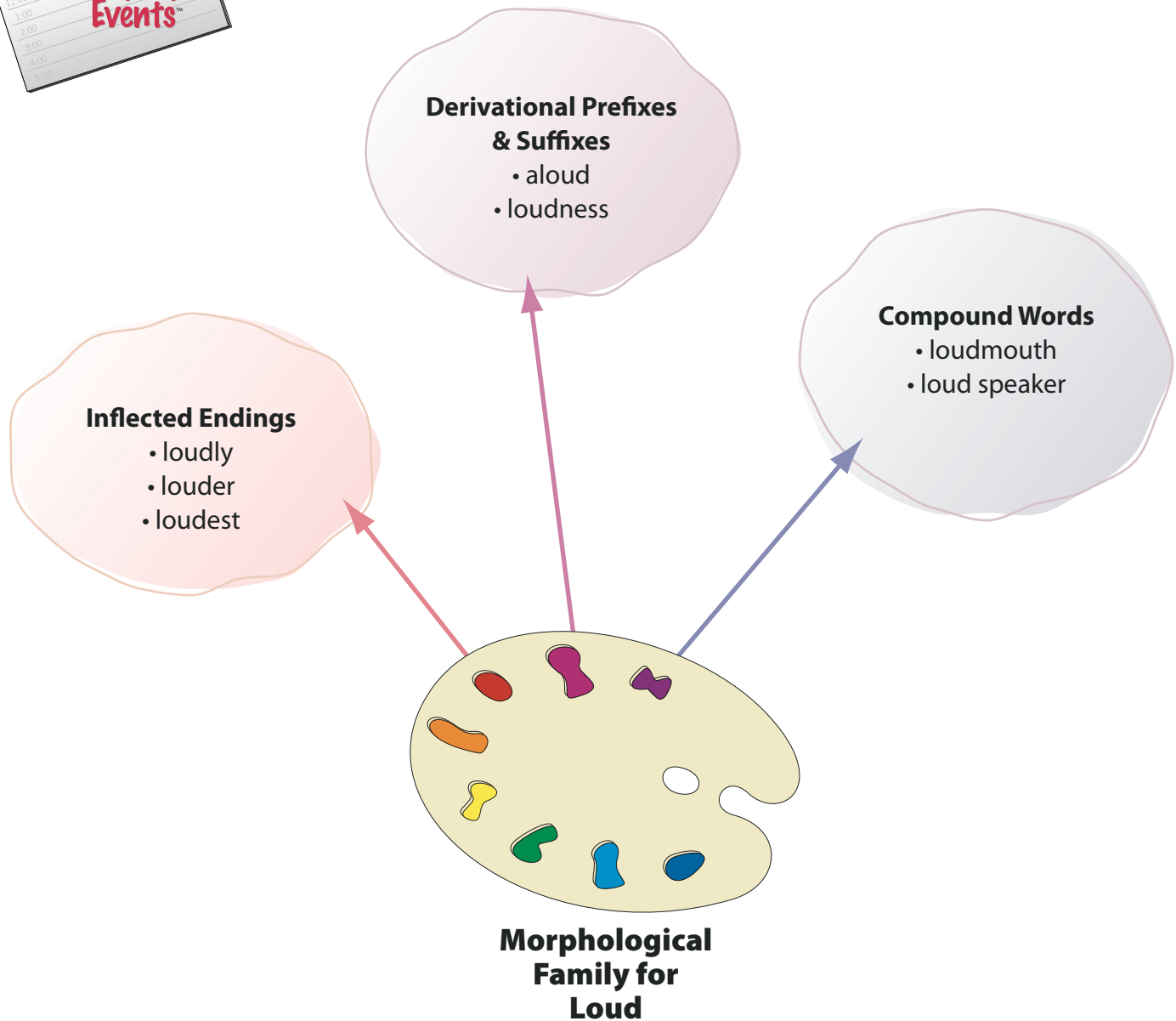


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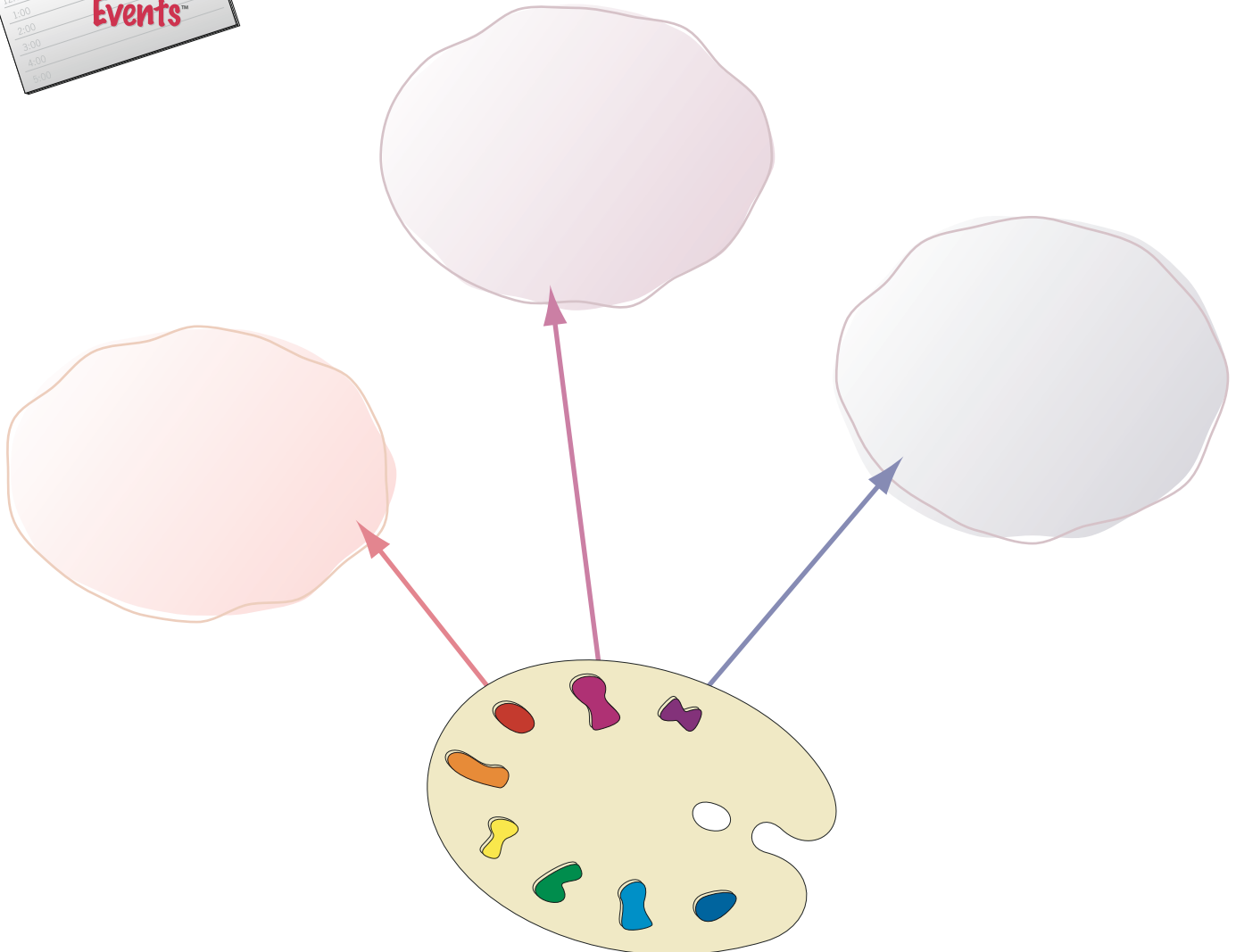


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