Did you know that the root word 'fer' means 'to carry'? It's such a useful morpheme to teach!

prefix	root	word	literal meaning	definition
re (back)	fer (carry)	refer	carry back	mention something or pass it on to a higher authority
con (with)	fer (carry)	confer	carry with	have discussions with
trans (across)	fer (carry)	transfer	carry across	move from one place to another
dif (apart)	fer (carry)	differ	carry apart	be unlike something or disagree with someone
de (away)	fer (carry)	defer	carry away	delay, put off
in (into)	fer (carry)	infer	carry meaning into	work something out from evidence or reasoning
pre (before)	fer (carry)	prefer	to carry something before another thing	like something more than another thing

Can your students make up new words with the root word 'fer'? How about 'exfer' (to carry out)?

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