

A **suffix** is a letter or letters **added** to the **end of a word** that **changes its meaning**.

- ▶ A **suffix** has a **meaning of its own**.
- ▶ The **suffix** **keeps its meaning**.

Suffix + Word	Suffix Meaning	Example
cheerful	-ful means “ full of ”	The kids were cheerful at the end of the school year.
painful		The cut on my knee was very painful .
careful		Josh was very careful in crossing the street.

Not examples of suffixes:

full best fly

(-ful, -est, and -ly are not suffixes here because l-, b-, and f- are not words)

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Which word has a suffix? Explain.

A thank

B thankful

Which word has a suffix? How do you know?

A fulfill

B helpful

In your own words, what is a suffix?

- 1 Read the words with the suffixes.
- 2 Identify the suffix and its meaning. (write)
- 3 Complete each sentence with the correct word. (write)
- 4 Read the sentence with the correct word.

Suffix	Meaning
-ful	full of ___
-ly	in a ___ way
-ous	full of ___
-y	having ___

A loudly

B quickly

_____ means _____

1 The students spoke _____ in the classroom.

2 Students line up _____ when the bell rings.

3 The dog barked _____ all night long.

A wonderful

B playful

_____ means _____

4 Ana had a _____ birthday party.

5 My new puppy is very _____ .

6 It's a _____ day for a picnic.

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A humorous **B dangerous**

7 I laughed at the _____ cartoon.

_____ means _____

8 Walking on ice is _____ .

9 Playing with fire is very _____ .

A rocky **B watery**

10 The lake's shore was too _____ for walking.

_____ means _____

11 The ketchup in the bottle is now too _____ .

12 The dust caused my eyes to become _____ .

Skill Closure

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Suffix	Meaning
-ation	result of _ing
-ment	

A operation B information

_____ means _____

1 The teacher gave _____ about math.

2 The football player had a knee _____ .

3 The child had a very successful eye _____ .

Concept Closure

Adele wrote a list of words with the suffix -ly. Is her list correct? Explain your answer.

A coldly

B exactly

C belly

Summary Closure

What did you learn today about identifying the meaning of suffixes?

Word Bank

suffix
 letters
 added
 ending
 change
 meaning
 same

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A punishment

B argument

_____ means _____

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- 1 The two boys had an _____ about their bikes.
- 2 Jim received a _____ for misbehaving.
- 3 Let us stop this _____ and be friends again.

Write a sentence using words with suffixes.



careful



softly



Listening

Listen carefully to each word.

Determine if the word has a suffix. If it has a suffix, identify its meaning.

A	YES	NO	
B	YES	NO	
C	YES	NO	
D	YES	NO	
E	YES	NO	
F	YES	NO	
G	YES	NO	

Read each word.

Complete each sentence with the correct word.

A poisonous

B Brotherly

C lumpy

D powerful

1 Sam is a _____ halfback in football.

2 The rattlesnake is known to be _____ .

3 Philadelphia is the City of _____ Love.

4 Marie said the oatmeal was too _____ .

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Reading

Read the passage.

Use words with suffixes in the blanks.

hopeful

Ralph and Derrick play in a _____ soccer game.

invitation

Soccer is a game that moves _____. Players have to

weekly

watch the ball _____, and listen to the coach. Ralph and

closely

Derrick are filled with _____ because they received an

quickly

competition

_____ to a national soccer _____. Ralph and

excitement

Derrick are _____ that their team will win first place!

Read each word.

Complete each sentence with the correct word.

A orderly

B mysterious

C painful

D dusty

1 The garage gets more _____ every week.

2 Falling on the hard cement was _____.

3 Mrs. Finn's desk is very _____.

4 How a rainbow works used to be _____.

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 Writing

Write a sentence using words with suffixes.



measurement



calmly



flavorful



marvelous
