

A **suffix** is letters **added** to the **end of a word**.

▶ To **decode a word with a suffix**, separate the suffix from the **word**.

Suffix	Suffix + word	Example Sentence
less	sleepless	Maria ate too much and had a sleepless night.
less	seedless	The seedless watermelon was good to eat.
less	hopeless	Sam felt hopeless when he lost his new toy.

Not a word with a suffix

bless

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How is 'careless' decoded? Explain.

A c-are-less

B care-less

Why is the word below not a word with a suffix? Explain.

lesson

In your own words, what is a suffix?

- 1 Look at the word.
- 2 Separate the suffix from the word. (draw line)
- 3 Decode the word. (read)
- 4 Read the word with the suffix three times.
- 5 Read the sentence.



1 tasteless The fries were cold and **tasteless**.

2 careless Do not be **careless** with the dishes.

3 helpless My sister was **helpless**. She just sat and watched me clean!

4 painter Kim is a good **painter**.

5 kicker Joe is the best **kicker** on our team.



6 singer The kid is a professional **singer**.

7 quickly The race car drove **quickly** to the finish line.

8 friendly The dog is very **friendly**.

9 slowly The turtle **slowly** ate its food.



Skill Closure

- 1 Look at the word.
- 2 Separate the suffix from the word. (draw line)
- 3 Decode the word. (read)
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1	shoeless	My brother likes to be shoeless .
2	reader	Sam is a good reader .

Concept Closure

Write your answer to the question.

Tina thinks that the word **over** uses the suffix -er. Is Tina correct or incorrect? Explain.

Summary Closure

What did you learn today about decoding words with suffixes?

Word Bank

suffix
 letters
 added
 ending
 separate or
 split
 read

- 1 Look at the word.
- 2 Separate the suffix from the word. (draw line)
- 3 Decode the word. (read)
- 4 Read the word with the suffix three times.
- 5 Read the sentence.

1	harmless	Although big, the dog was harmless .
2	bravely	The firefighter bravely ran into the fire.
3	toothless	An owl is a toothless animal.
4	fearless	The cat was fearless .
5	calmly	The teacher spoke calmly to the students.
6	loudly	The girl was yelling loudly at the doctor's office.



Listening

Determine which word in the sentence has a suffix.
Identify the word and write the suffix.
Read each word with a suffix three times.

A dove swim pool

B surf rode huge

C kid ran quick

D sea turtle harm

Look at the sentence.
Identify the word with the suffix. (underline and read it)

1 The restless dog will chase the bird.

2 The flu shot was painless.

3 Marko will answer the question correctly.

Read the words with suffixes then read the passage.

careful	perfectly	weakly
swimmer	sharply	breathless
softly	winner	loudly

The children were playing a game. The game was to hit the ball **softly** up in the air so it didn't hit the water. Jill told the others to be **careful** and throw the ball **perfectly**. Then, she threw the ball **weakly**. Adam, a good **swimmer**, dove **sharply** into the water. When Adam came up, he was **breathless** from the dive. Then, Adam heard everyone cheer **loudly**. Adam was a **winner**. He had never let the ball hit the water.



Writing

Write two words for each suffix. Refer to the word bank.

-er		
-ly		
-less		

Word Bank
endless
loudly
harmless
teacher
waiter
slowly

Write a sentence using words with suffixes.



helpless
