

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 <b>sleepless</b> night.
less	seedless	The <b>seedless</b> watermelon was good to eat.
less	hopeless	Sam felt <b>hopeless</b> when he lost his new toy.

**Not** a word with a suffix

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- 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

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1	shoeless	My brother likes to be <b>shoeless</b> .
2	reader	Sam is a good <b>reader</b> .

## 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?**

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### Word Bank

suffix  
 letters  
 added  
 ending  
 separate or  
 split  
 read

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1	harmless	Although big, the dog was <b>harmless</b> .
2	bravely	The firefighter <b>bravely</b> ran into the fire.
3	toothless	An owl is a <b>toothless</b> animal.
4	fearless	The cat was <b>fearless</b> .
5	calmly	The teacher spoke <b>calmly</b> to the students.
6	loudly	The girl was yelling <b>loudly</b> 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)**

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|----------|---|
| <b>1</b> | The restless dog will chase the bird.     |
| <b>2</b> | The flu shot was painless.                |
| <b>3</b> | Marko will answer the question correctly. |

**Read** the words with suffixes then read the passage.

<b>careful</b>	<b>perfectly</b>	<b>weakly</b>
<b>swimmer</b>	<b>sharply</b>	<b>breathless</b>
<b>softly</b>	<b>winner</b>	<b>loudly</b>

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.

			Word Bank
-er			endless
-ly			loudly
			harmless
			teacher
-less			waiter
			slowly

**Write** a sentence using words with suffixes.



helpless

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