

CONNECT FOUR

VOWEL OR CONSONANT SUFFIXES

ROLL A NUMBER

EVEN =
VOWEL SUFFIX
2, 4, 6

ODD =
CONSONANT SUFFIX
1, 3, 5

HOW TO PLAY

- 1 Roll the dice.
- 2 If the number is EVEN (2, 4, 6) – find a VOWEL suffix.
- 3 If the number is ODD (1, 3, 5) – find a CONSONANT suffix.
- 4 Read the suffix.
- 5 Say "Vowel suffix" or "Consonant suffix".
- 6 If correct, place your counter on that space.
- 7 Challenge: Say a word using the suffix. Create a sentence with the word.
- 8 First player to connect 4 wins!

VOWEL SUFFIXES
(start with a, e, i, o, u)

ing
ed
er
est

CONSONANT SUFFIXES
(start with any other letter)

ful
ly
less
ment
ness

ing	ful	ed	ly	er	ness	est	less	ment	s
ing	ful	ed	ly	er	ness	est	less	ment	s
ful	ed	ly	er	ness	est	less	ment	s	ing
ed	ly	er	ness	est	less	ment	s	ing	ful
ly	er	ness	est	less	ment	s	ing	ful	ed
er	ness	est	less	ment	s	ing	ful	ed	ly
ness	est	less	ment	s	ing	ful	ed	ly	er

TEACHING TIPS

Use lots of oral language.

Keep explanations short and simple.

Revisit the same suffixes often.

Have a word list ready to use.

COMMON SUFFIXES

MEANINGS AND EXAMPLES



A suffix is an **ending** added to a word that can change its meaning.

SUFFIX	SIMPLE MEANING	EXAMPLE WORDS	EXAMPLE SENTENCE
ing	happening now.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> jumping running painting 	The dog is barking .
ed	already happened.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> jumped washed played 	She jumped on the trampoline.
er	a person who does something OR more.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> teacher farmer taller 	My brother is taller than me.
est	the most.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> tallest fastest smallest 	The cheetah is the fastest .
ful	full of something.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> helpful joyful careful 	She was helpful .
ly	how something is done.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> quickly slowly quietly 	He walked slowly .
less	without something.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> helpless fearless homeless 	The tiny kitten was helpless .
ment	an action or result.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> movement excitement enjoyment 	The class showed excitement .
ness	a state or feeling.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> kindness darkness happiness 	Kindness matters.
s	more than one.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> cats dogs books 	The dogs are barking.

TEACHING TIPS

- Explicitly teach the meaning of suffixes first.
- Make sure the child knows vowels and consonants.
- Use words that extend vocabulary as well as known words on the list.

COMMON SUFFIXES

WORD LIST

A suffix is an **ending** added to a word that can change its meaning.

-ing

1. jumping
2. running
3. hopping
4. painting
5. camping
6. swimming
7. whispering
8. floating
9. discovering
10. celebrating
11. climbing
12. laughing
13. helping
14. reading
15. playing
16. exploring
17. travelling
18. gathering
19. listening
20. wondering

-ed

1. jumped
2. played
3. washed
4. helped
5. climbed
6. painted
7. wandered
8. sparkled
9. collected
10. discovered
11. laughed
12. listened
13. visited
14. cleaned
15. finished
16. learned
17. explored
18. travelled
19. gathered
20. whispered

-er

1. teacher
2. farmer
3. helper
4. runner
5. baker
6. taller
7. stronger
8. quieter
9. explorer
10. designer
11. builder
12. speaker
13. reader
14. writer
15. player
16. listener
17. painter
18. driver
19. gardener
20. thinker

-est

1. fastest
2. smallest
3. tallest
4. kindest
5. brightest
6. strongest
7. quietest
8. bravest
9. wildest
10. smartest
11. softest
12. darkest
13. funniest
14. youngest
15. oldest
16. greatest
17. cleanest
18. coldest
19. warmest
20. safest

-ful

1. helpful
2. careful
3. joyful
4. playful
5. thankful
6. hopeful
7. peaceful
8. powerful
9. thoughtful
10. wonderful
11. beautiful
12. colourful
13. cheerful
14. harmful
15. useful
16. respectful
17. successful
18. graceful
19. fearful
20. delightful

-ly

1. quickly
2. slowly
3. quietly
4. sadly
5. softly
6. carefully
7. brightly
8. bravely
9. cheerfully
10. patiently
11. calmly
12. gently
13. happily
14. angrily
15. politely
16. kindly
17. badly
18. easily
19. loudly
20. gracefully

-less

1. helpless
2. fearless
3. homeless
4. careless
5. hopeless
6. speechless
7. harmless
8. restless
9. endless
10. thankless
11. useless
12. friendless
13. wireless
14. penniless
15. thoughtless
16. tasteless
17. sleepless
18. lifeless
19. reckless
20. colourless

-ment

1. movement
2. enjoyment
3. excitement
4. payment
5. agreement
6. development
7. encouragement
8. achievement
9. improvement
10. amazement
11. statement
12. treatment
13. settlement
14. replacement
15. government
16. management
17. entertainment
18. measurement
19. adjustment
20. advertisement

-ness

1. kindness
2. darkness
3. sadness
4. happiness
5. softness
6. fairness
7. friendliness
8. calmness
9. goodness
10. quietness
11. brightness
12. sickness
13. weakness
14. illness
15. tidiness
16. carelessness
17. thoughtfulness
18. gentleness
19. shyness
20. politeness

-s

1. cats
2. dogs
3. books
4. cars
5. trees
6. houses
7. birds
8. students
9. mountains
10. gardens
11. rivers
12. flowers
13. chairs
14. animals
15. friends
16. teachers
17. pencils
18. islands
19. libraries
20. adventures