

Suffixes

Year 3 and 4: Adding suffixes to words with more than one syllable

A suffix goes at the end of a word so that the meaning is changed. For these activities you need to add **en**, **ing**, **er** and **ed** to words which have more than one syllable.

RULE

There are only two rules for the words you will be looking at today. For some of the words you will need to double the final consonant and for some you won't!

Have a look at these examples where we have to double the final consonant.

Forgot → Forgotten or Forgetting

Begin → Beginning or Beginner

In these the example below we don't need to double the final consonant.

Garden → Gardening

Activity: Dictionary Detectives

How many words can you find that use the following suffixes? Look carefully at which words double the final consonant and which words don't. Can you find a rule?

| er | ed | en | ing |
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If you want to make this a little bit harder then try see if you can find words which end in -ation and -est as well.

Apply!

Now choose **five** of the words that you found with the suffixes. Your challenge is to write five sentences which include one of those words.

You must:

- Spell the word correctly (try and do this without copying it from a dictionary)
- Make sure the sentence makes sense
- Make the sentence as interesting as possible

Good luck!