



The Building Blocks of Language

Lesson 12A – Suffixes in Use

Finding Bases and Building New Words

Look, match,
and learn!
Same suffix.
Different bases!



SEE IT



SAY IT



CLAP IT



BREAK IT



FIND WHAT
WE KNOW



READ IT



WRITE IT

1 Review: PLAYGROUND

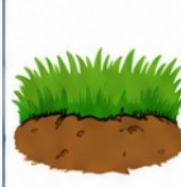
Break the word and circle PLAY. This is our base.

PLAYGROUND

PLAY + GROUND



PLAY



GROUND

A compound
word is two
whole words
put together.

PLAY is our base.

2 Match the -FUL Family

Draw a line from each word to the matching picture.

PLAYFUL

• •



HELPFUL

• •



CAREFUL

• •



-FUL =
full of or having
(in these words).

The suffix
stays the same.
The base
changes.

3 Circle the Suffix

Look at each word. Circle -FUL. Underline the base.

PLAYFUL

HELPFUL

CAREFUL

A suffix is
added after
a base.



A BASE IS SOMETHING WE CAN BUILD ON.
A SUFFIX IS ADDED AFTER A BASE.



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More Suffix Families

Look at the words.
Look at the pictures.
Make the match!

4 Match the -LESS Family

Draw a line from each word to the matching picture.

FEARLESS

• •



TOOTHLESS

• •



ENDLESS

• •



-LESS =
without
(in these words).

The suffix
stays the same.
The base
changes.

5 Match the -ING Family

Draw a line from each word to the matching picture.

PLAYING

• •



HELPING

• •



COOKING

• •



-ING =
action in progress
(in these words).

In these
sentences, the
-ING forms show
actions in
progress.

The suffix
stays the same.
The base
changes.

6 Find the Base

Look at each word. Circle the suffix. Underline the base.

PLAYING

FEARLESS

HELPFUL

TOOTHLESS

COOKING

CAREFUL



SAME SUFFIX. DIFFERENT BASES.
WHAT STAYED THE SAME? WHAT CHANGED?

INVESTIGATORS
CHECK WHAT
THEY BUILD.

