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The Building Blocks of Language

Lesson 12A – Suffixes in Use

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

More Suffix Families

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.

