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(Suffixes)



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What is a suffix?

Which different suffixes have you heard of?

## WALT: Generate and use suffixes

List as many words as you can which end in the suffixes: -ous, -ing, -ed, -es or -ies

You might want to list them under a suffix subheading, or draw a table to group your words.

E.g.

-ous	-ing	-ed	-es	-ies

Can you think of any other suffixes and words which end in them?

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# Which Suffix: –ate or –ise?

Can you match the following nouns or adjectives with the correct suffix to make a verb? Sometimes the spelling of the root word needs to be changed.

-ate

medicate

pollinate

elasticate

captivate

motivate

alienate

-ise

equalise

advertise

fertilise

terrorise

finalise

vandalise

equal

medical

captive

terror

advert

pollen

motive

final

fertile

elastic

alien

vandal



**Extension:** Could you use one of these verbs in a sentence with parenthesis?

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# Spelling Rules (-ate)

When we add suffixes, spelling rules usually apply. Can you remember what you need to do for each of the following examples?



captive + ate = **captivate** (remove the 'e' before adding -ate)

medical + ate = **medicate** (remove the -al before adding -ate)

motive + ate = **motivate** (remove the 'e' before adding -ate)

elastic + ate = **elasticate** (just add -ate)

alien + ate = **alienate** (just add -ate)

pollen + ate = **pollinate** (change the 'e' to an 'i' before adding -ate)\*

\* 'pollinate' is an exception to the usual rule.

[Click the word and suffix to reveal the answer.](#)

# Spelling Rules (-ise)

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advert + ise = **advertise** (just add -ise)

final + ise = **finalise** (just add -ise)

equal + ise = **equalise** (just add -ise)

fertile + ise = **fertilise** (remove the 'e' before adding -ise)

vandal + ise = **vandalise** (just add -ise)

terror + ise = **terrorise** (just add -ise)



Click the word and suffix to reveal the answer.



# Which Suffix: -ify or -en?

Can you match the following nouns or adjectives with the correct suffix to make a verb? Sometimes the spelling of the root word needs to be changed.

-ify

horrify

solidify

testify

purify

intensify

notify

-en

flatten

mistaken

brighten

lengthen

shorten

thicken

horror

flat

bright

note

solid

pure

length

short

test

mistake

intense

thick



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# Spelling Rules (-ify)

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- |                 |                  |  |
|-----------------|------------------|--|
| solid + ify =   | <b>solidify</b>  | <b>(just add -ify)</b>                     |
| horror + ify =  | <b>horrify</b>   | <b>(remove 'or' before adding -ify)</b>    |
| note + ify =    | <b>notify</b>    | <b>(remove the 'e' before adding -ify)</b> |
| pure + ify =    | <b>purify</b>    | <b>(remove the 'e' before adding -ify)</b> |
| test + ify =    | <b>testify</b>   | <b>(just add -ify)</b>                     |
| intense + ify = | <b>intensify</b> | <b>(remove the 'e' before adding -ify)</b> |

Click the word and suffix to reveal the answer.

# Spelling Rules (-en)

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- |                |                 |   |
|----------------|-----------------|---|
| flat + en =    | <b>flatten</b>  | <b>(double the final 't' (because the word 'flat' has only one syllable) before adding -en)</b> |
| bright + en =  | <b>brighten</b> | <b>(just add -en)</b>   |
| length + en =  | <b>lengthen</b> | <b>(just add -en)</b>   |
| short + en =   | <b>shorten</b>  | <b>(just add -en)</b>   |
| thick + en =   | <b>thicken</b>  | <b>(just add -en)</b>   |
| mistake + en = | <b>mistaken</b> | <b>(remove the 'e' before adding -en)</b>   |

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# Sort the Suffixes

Can you sort these words according to the suffix they should have?

-ate	-ify	-ise	-en
validate	falsify	criticise	straighten
activate	glorify	visualise	toughen
hyphenate	signify	capitalise	tighten

critic

false

straight

hyphen

valid

visual

tough

glory

active

capital

tight

sign

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# Spelling Rules (-ise)

Read the following text and identify the verbs with the incorrect suffix. Can you decide which suffix they should have instead?

Despite knowing that the wheel nut needed a **tighten** Harry went out to play with his friends on his bike. He was so keen to be able to join in and **socialise** that he put his own safety at risk.

After a short time, Harry felt the wheel begin to **loosen** but couldn't bare to **shorten** his time with his friends. Unfortunately, disaster struck when the wheel came completely loose and fell off. Luckily, one of his friends had a mobile phone so they were able to **communicate** with Harry's mother who came to collect him.

Harry was lucky that he did not need to be **hospitalised** but he was bruised and in pain for a few days. He **realised** that, in the future, he should always put his safety first.



# Spelling Rules (-ise)

Spin the wheel to select a verb made using -ate, -ise, -ify or -en to use in your sentence.



Choose a picture to write an interesting sentence about using the verb that you have selected.



Share your ideas with your partner and compare your sentences.

# Quick Quiz 1

Read the following sentences and decide which suffix is needed to change the underlined noun or adjective into a verb:

1. My cats always terror the nesting birds.

terrorise    terrorate    terroren    terrorify



2. You must straight your tie before coming into the classroom.

straightise    straightify    straighten    straightate



# Quick Quiz 1

3. I often find it hard to motive myself to complete my homework.

motify      motivise      motivate      motive



4. After a hot day, I had to put my chocolate in the fridge to solid again.

soliden      solidify      solidise      solidate





# Quick Quiz 2

Make the following nouns and adjectives into verbs by adding one of the suffixes –ate, -ise, -ify or –en.

Computer      **+ ise = computerise**

Vaccine        **+ ate = vaccinate**

Value          **+ate = valueate**

Clear          **+ ify = clarify**

Apology       **+ ise = apologise**

Mad            **+ en = madden**



## WALT: Use spelling strategies to spell words containing suffixes

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- Horrify
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## Dictation

Have you ever had to **captivate** an audience or maybe **horrify** them with a scary story?

The heat was very **intense** but the sunshine helped to **brighten** up my day.

**Have you** heard of the words **medicate**, **finalise**, **advertise** and **lengthen**? Can you work out which suffix each one contains?

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Handwriting activity