

Lesson 34: Suffixes

Phonics Focus: Suffixes are a group of letters which are added to the end of a base word or a root word. They add meaning. They create a new word with a different meaning. For instance, adding “less” to “hope” creates “hopeless”, a word related to hope but with a totally different meaning.

Common suffixes

Suffix	Meaning	Examples
ed	past tense verb	hopped
ing	continuous action	playing
ly	characteristic of	motherly
er, or	person connected with	teacher, pastor
ion, tion, ation, ition	an act or a process	action, attention
ible, able	can be done	moveable, combustible
al	having the characteristic of or related to	final, royal
y	characterized by	funny, sunny, rainy
ness	state or condition of	happiness, kindness
ty, ity	state of, quality	honesty, unity
ment	action or process	enjoyment

ic	having the characteristics of	historic, comic
ous, ious	a quality of or full of	joyous, serious
en	to make, made of	fasten, weaken
er	used to compare, more	bigger, smarter
est	comparing	fastest, biggest, fattest
ful	full of	joyful, careful, cheerful
less	without	careless, hopeless
ess	one who [female]	waitress, princess
ive	inclined to	active, negative, positive
ship	state of	hardship, friendship
ant	one who	servant, immigrant

How to Be a Wise, **Cheerful**, **Humble** Prince or **Princess**



Did you know that you are a King or Queen in training?

JESUS is our KING of Kings, and He is **training** His **servants** to be Kings and Queens under Him. That means that right now, you are one of GOD's princes or **princesses**! The Bible says in 1 Peter 2:9, "But you are a chosen **gen/er/a/tion**, a royal **priest/hood**, a holy **nation**..." JESUS wants to **care/ful/ly** instruct you in the skills of **Ser/vant Lead/er/ship**, so that you can one day rule with Him in His King/dom with **kind/ness** and jus/tice. He wants you to de/vel/op many im/por/tant qual/it/ies. If you ask the HOLY SPIRIT, He will help you to learn these qualities:

1. Love – Genuine concern for another person
2. Joy/ful/ness – full of joy
3. Peace/ful/ness – full of peace
4. Pa/tience – having the ability to wait
5. Kind/ness – being friendly, gentle, and generous; doing good
6. Good/ness – doing what is right or proper
7. Faith/ful/ness – sticking with a job until the end; loyal; constant
8. Gen/tle/ness – soft, tender, sensitive, not rough
9. Meek/ness – power under control, like a well-trained war-horse
10. Self-Con/trol – the ability to control one's actions and emotions
11. At/ten/tive/ness – to pay attention and listen closely
12. A/vail/a/bil/it/y – to make oneself available to do a task
13. Clean/li/ness – keeping yourself and your surroundings clean and tidy
14. Com/mon Sense – intelligence that comes from experience
15. Com/pas/sion – feeling sorry for others and wanting to help them
16. Con/sci/en/tious/ness – carefully doing what is right
17. Con/tent/ment – being happy with who you are and what you have
18. Cour/age – being willing to face and deal with danger, trouble, or pain
19. Cre/a/tiv/it/y – to imagine and invent something new
20. Cur/i/o/sit/y – a strong feeling of wanting to know and learn
21. De/ci/sive/ness – the ability to make a decision
22. De/pend/ab/il/it/y – able to be counted on, reliable
23. De/ter/min/a/tion – a strong decision to accomplish a goal
24. Dil/i/gent – working hard and steadily to accomplish a goal
25. Being Early, Ready, & Pre/pared – show up early with the needed tools
26. En/thu/si/asm – a passion and interest for something
27. Fear of the LORD – having awe and respect for GOD
28. Flex/i/bil/it/y – being willing to make changes as the situation changes



29. For/give/ness – to give up feeling **angry** or **wanting** to punish
30. Gen/er/os/it/y – **willing** to give or share; not **selfish**
31. Good judg/ment – having the **ability** to make good **decisions**
32. Gra/cious/ness – kind, polite, **forgiving**, and **comforting**
33. Grate/ful/ness – to be **thankful** and **ap/pre/ci/a/tive**
34. Help/ful – always **ready** to help others
35. Ho/li/ness – set apart for GOD
36. Hon/es/ty – always **telling** the truth
37. Hos/pit/al/it/y – **cheerfully sharing** food and shelter with others
38. Hum/ble/ness – low; not proud; **knowing** your own **weak/ness/es**
39. Hu/mor/ous – **funny**, **amusing**, and **comical**
40. In/i/tia/tive – the **ability** to start new things with/out being told
41. Low/li/ness – **taking** a low **po/si/tion**; **humble**; meek; not proud
42. Meek/ness – **patient** or mild; not **angry** or **resentful**
43. Mer/ci/ful – showing a **kindness** that is **greater** than **expected**
44. O/be/di/ent – im/me/di/ate/ly **doing** what your au/thor/it/ies tell you to do
45. Or/der/li/ness – **keep/ing** things neat and **or/gan/ized**
46. Per/sis/tence – **staying** with a task until it is done; **re/fu/sing** to give up
47. Re/spect/ful – polite; **showing** honor to others
48. Re/spons/ib/le – **able** to be **trusted** to take care of something; **reliable**
49. Teach/a/ble – **being** open to **learning** some/thing new
50. Finish the job – the **ability** to complete a job, **including** clean-up
51. Trust/wor/thy – **able** to be **trusted**; **dependable**; **reliable**
52. Truth/ful – honest; **telling** the truth; not **lying**
53. Wis/dom – the **ability** to make good **decisions based** on know/ledge and **ex/per/i/ence**

