

Common Affixes and Word Endings

1. **Print the cards on pages 3 through 11.** Fold each page in half so that the affix appears on one side and the words appear on the other. Laminate the cut the cards.
2. **Teach the suffixes.** Choose an affix to teach. Write a known word with that affix on a dry erase board, underline the affix and teach the sound. If appropriate, also teach the meaning of the affix.
3. **Make a Big Word.** Choose a word on the back of the affix card. Tell students the letters to remove from their trays. Dictate the letters in alphabetical order. Tell students the word to make. Have them clap the syllables before they make the word. They should say each syllable as they make the word. Then have them break the word at the affix and root. Have them remake the word. Discuss the meaning of the word, if necessary.
4. **Write a Big Word.** Dictate a word with that affix for students to write. Have them clap the syllables in the word. Then tell them to say each part as they write the word. Have them underline the affix. Dictate another word with the same affix and repeat the steps. Discuss the meaning of the words, if necessary.
5. **Review the affixes.** Each day quickly review the affixes you have taught. Flash each affix card and have students read it. The goal is for students to read the affixes fluently and transfer that knowledge when reading and writing.

Affix or Ending	Examples
un (not)	unlike, undo, unhappy, uncover, unfriendly, unaware, untie, unfair, unpaid, unused, unknown, unlucky, unwanted, unclear
re (again)	remake, recall, replay, rerun, reheat, rewrite, rebuild, relive, restate, reassemble, recreate, rediscover
ful (full of)	fearful, wishful, harmful, careful, needful, forgetful, thoughtful, cheerful, peaceful, boastful, mouthful
mis (bad)	misfit, mistake, mistrust, misuse, mistreat, misread, misspell, misplace, misbehave, miscount, mismatch, misjudge, misunderstand
dis (opposite of)	dislike, dismiss, disown, disarm, disagree, disallow, disconnect, distrust, discharge, disable, displease, disinfect, disorder
over (too much)	overlook, overcook, overrun, overgrown, overpower, overdo, overstep, overstay, overplay
ness (with)	illness, fitness, madness, goodness, greatness, kindness, coolness, fairness, likeness, fullness, sickness, weakness, sweetness
less (without)	sunless, endless, jobless, gutless, useless, careless, wordless, wireless, helpless, restless, timeless, cordless, fearless, lifeless, spotless
pre (before)	precook, pregame, prepay, preview, predict, prebake, preschool, prepaid, pretest, preset, prescribe, prejudge
able (able to)	likeable, peaceable, adorable, disposable, portable, enjoyable washable, trainable, comfortable, workable, readable, teachable
fore (before)	foresee, foremost, forefront, forewarn, foretell, forehead, forefinger, forefather, foresight, forethought

trans (across)	transplant, transport, transform, transmit, transpire, transact, transcribe, transported, transportation, transplanted
under (below/less than)	underfed, underarm, underground, underage, understate, underpants, underfeed, underused, underfoot, underpass, underdog
after (later)	afternoon , aftershock, aftermath, afterward, afterglow, afterlife, afterthought, aftertaste, aftershave, afterworld
ment (action of)	shipment , statement, payment, placement, movement, treatment, basement, agreement, improvement, retirement, government
al	signal , vital, global, personal, general, internal, nocturnal, funeral, magical, comical, dismissal, disposal, tribal
ic	terrific , horrific, electric, angelic, sarcastic, athletic, patriotic, pathetic, fantastic, artistic, plastic, organic, public
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sion	mansion , confusion, vision, supervision, invasion, decision, conclusion, transfusion, suspension, comprehension, compression, impression
sure	pressure , pleasure, measure, exposure, treasure, enclosure, composure
ture	picture , venture, mixture, torture, feature, creature, culture, structure, future, fracture, pasture, furniture, departure, temperature, adventure
ity	cavity , activity, equity, vanity, unity, ability, charity, quality, dignity, gravity, varsity, humanity, maturity, quantity, priority, eternity, insanity, diversity
cial	racial , facial, social, special, especially, crucial, official, artificial, superficial
tial	partial , spatial, martial, initial, potential, sequential, confidential, essential
cious	gracious , spacious, vicious, precious, delicious, suspicious, conscious, ferocious
tious	cautious , ambitious, nutritious, infectious, scrumptious, superstitious
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ism	racism , organism, optimism, activism, criticism, terrorism, socialism, symbolism

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