

Book 1: Base words and suffixes

Morphemes are parts of the word that give it meaning. The **base word** is the main part. A **suffix** is added to the end of the base word. Suffixes can change the meaning of the word. Learning to identify the parts of the words can help you to understand the word and spell it accurately.

help less **freshly** **holding** **reached** **useful** **greatest**
likely **blinded** **selfish** **foolish** **speaker** **opened**
lifting **endless** **hopeful** **darken** **joyful** **childish**
tighten **fighter** **neatness** **leader** **cooking** **brainy**

Underline the base word in each of the words above. Then break the words up into base word and suffix and write them in the grid below.

	base word	suffix			base word	suffix
1	help	less		13		
2				14		
3				15		
4				16		
5				17		
6				18		
7				19		
8				20		
9				21		
10				22		
11				23		
12				24		

Book 1: The three sounds of the suffix 'ed'

The suffix 'ed' is added to the end of verbs to show that an action has happened in the past. For example: the verb 'walk' in the past tense is 'walked'.

The suffix 'ed' can spell three sounds: /t/ as in the word 'jumped'

/d/ as in the word 'longed'

/ɪd/ as in the word 'wanted'

Despite sounding three different ways, the suffix 'ed' is always spelled 'ed'.

Read the text below and highlight the words with the suffix 'ed'. Listen to the sound at the end of the words. Write the words in the correct column.

Finn **pulled** the strange-looking necklace from his pouch. It looked battered and damaged. The metal was dented. Izzy reached out to touch it.

"Lovely junk!" snorted Kit. "Finn's mum will just throw it away!" He glanced at it. "It has only one jewel left in it!" he mocked and handed it to Izzy. Izzy lifted the necklace and gazed at it. She rubbed the dust off with her fingers. She stared at it. "You're wrong. This is real amber," she announced.

/t/

/d/

/ɪd/

pulled

Now choose two words from each box and write a sentence with them in your book.

Book 1: Adding 'ed' to base words ending in 'y'

When a base word ends in the spellings 'ay', 'ey' or 'oy', just add the suffix 'ed'.

For example: **play** + ed = played

If there is a consonant before the 'y', change the 'y' to 'i'.

For example: **carry** + ed = carried

Add the suffix 'ed' to the words in the chart.

base word	ends in ay, ey, oy?	has consonant before y?	change y to i?	+ ed
worry	X	✓	✓	worried
copy				
study				
stay				
deny				
hurry				
employ				
envy				
marry				
rely				
betray				
fancy				
delay				
tidy				