

SYLLABLE TYPES

EXACT TEKS WORDING (FROM TEA)

“demonstrate and apply spelling knowledge by spelling multisyllabic words with closed syllables; open syllables; VCe syllables; vowel teams, including digraphs and diphthongs; r-controlled syllables; and final stable syllables”

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN TO ME?

-ful means full of something. -less means without something.

-ness turns a describing word into a naming word.

When I can find the base word and the suffix, I can read the whole word.

THIS WEEK'S FOCUS

Suffixes -ful, -less, -ness

from “MLK - A Dream Can Grow”

The suffix -ful means full of, -less means without, and -ness turns an adjective into a noun. Each adds a syllable, as in hope-ful, fear-less, and kind-ness. This week we study these suffixes from "A Dream Can Grow."

This deck teaches **suffixes** across the five RPLD thinking levels:

NOTICE → CHOOSE → SHOW → OWN → DEFEND.



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TODAY'S THINKING JOB

NOTICE

"I can notice a word with a suffix."

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Notice the word with a suffix.

Read this sentence from the passage. Find the bold word and the base word and the suffix.

"One **hopeful word can travel through, until another dreams it too."**

I CAN | I can notice a word with a suffix and name the base word and the suffix.



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CHOOSE

"I can choose a word with a suffix."

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Choose the word with a suffix.

Read the sentence. Which word is a word with a suffix? Use the rule.

"The future waits for what we do, for dreams need helping hands there too."

A hopeful • **B** helping • **C** future

I CAN | I can choose the word with a suffix and explain how I know.



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SHOW

“I can show how a word with a suffix works.”

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Show the word with a suffix.

Read the sentence. In the bold word, name the base word and the suffix.

“Together we can help it grow, by sharing **kindness as we go.”**

I CAN | I can show the base word and the suffix.



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OWN

“I can split a suffix from the base word to read it.”

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Own it. Read the longer word.

Split the word into its parts. Name the base word and the suffix.

thankful

thank / ful

I CAN | I can split a suffix from the base word to read it.



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DEFEND

"I can prove that a word has a suffix."

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Defend the rule.

Prove the bold word follows the rule. Name the base word and the suffix.

"The marchers were **fearless** in the face of danger."

I CAN | I can prove that a word has a suffix.



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Find a word with a suffix on your own.

Go back to the passage. Find one word with a suffix. Copy the sentence and name the base word and the suffix.

Go back to the reading.

Find one word with a suffix.

Copy the exact sentence. Then name the base word and the suffix.

I CAN | I can find a word with a suffix and prove it.



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Answers, across the five thinking levels.

NOTICE hopeful. Hope is a VCe syllable. Adding -ful gives hope-ful, meaning full of hope. The suffix adds a syllable.

CHOOSE A. hopeful. Hopeful has the suffix -ful meaning full of. Helping has -ing, and future is its own word.

SHOW kindness. Kind is a closed syllable (the i says its long name because of nd). Adding -ness gives kind-ness, a noun meaning the quality of being kind.

OWN thank / ful. Thank is a closed syllable. Adding -ful gives thank-ful, meaning full of thanks. The suffix adds a syllable.

DEFEND fearless. Fear is a vowel team syllable. Adding -less gives fear-less, meaning without fear. The suffix adds a syllable.

YOUR TURN Answers vary. One example: joyful. Joy is a vowel team syllable. Adding -ful gives joy-ful, meaning full of joy.



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READ THIS PASSAGE EXCERPT.

“One hopeful word can travel through. ... Together we can help it grow, by sharing kindness as we go.”

Which word has the suffix -ness?

A kindness

B hopeful

C fearless

D helpful



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The answer is A.

A kindness Correct.

Kindness is kind plus -ness. The suffix turns the adjective kind into the noun kindness.

B hopeful

Hopeful has the suffix -ful, not -ness.

C fearless

Fearless has the suffix -less, not -ness.

D helpful

Helpful has the suffix -ful, not -ness.

