

SYLLABLE TYPES

EXACT TEKS WORDING (FROM TEA)

“demonstrate and apply spelling knowledge by: (i) 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?

When I see -ful, the word means full of something.

When I see -less, the word means without something.

When I see -ness, the word names a quality or state.

THIS WEEK'S FOCUS

Suffixes -ful, -less, -ness

from “Four Regions, One Big Adventure”

The suffixes -ful (full of), -less (without), and -ness (state of) change base words. This week we review these suffixes with words from “Four Regions, One Big Adventure.”

This deck teaches **suffixes -ful, -less, and -ness** across the five RPLD thinking levels:

NOTICE → CHOOSE → SHOW → OWN → DEFEND.

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Introduce the Week

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“ ” = say word-for-word • ▶ = teacher direction (do not read aloud)

“This week we are studying syllable types. Our focus is word with a suffix syllables. The suffix -ful means full of. The suffix -less means without. The suffix -ness turns an adjective into a noun meaning the state of.”

▶ Show the cover. Read the exact TEKS wording aloud, then read the What does this mean to me box in your own warm voice.

“The suffixes -ful (full of), -less (without), and -ness (state of) change base words. This week we review these suffixes with words from “Four Regions, One Big Adventure.””

▶ Point to the five thinking levels. Preview the week: we NOTICE, CHOOSE, SHOW, OWN, and DEFEND the pattern.

PREP & MATERIALS: the Suffixes -ful, -less, -ness slide deck for Cluster 4 Module 4 . a class or student copy of “Four Regions, One Big Adventure” . the student tracking sheet . pencils

CHECK FOR UNDERSTANDING

Ask a student to name one word with a suffix from the reading and tell how they know.

RAISE THE THINKING

Ask a student how reading the word would change if the word with a suffix pattern were different.

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.

"Everything looks greener and more colorful!" Xavier said."

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

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Monday · NOTICE · Foundational

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" " = say word-for-word · ▶ = teacher direction (do not read aloud)

"Today's thinking job is NOTICE. I can notice a word with a suffix syllable."

▶ Read the I can statement aloud, then the task on the slide.

"Listen as I read the sentence. I am looking for the word with a suffix syllable in colorful."

▶ Read the sentence aloud twice. Give think time, then have students copy the word on the NOTICE row of the tracking sheet.

ANSWER KEY: colorful. Col-or-ful. The suffix -ful means full of. Color is the base. Colorful means full of color.

CHECK FOR UNDERSTANDING

Ask a student to explain the word with a suffix syllable in their own words.

COMMON MISCONCEPTION

Students may not identify the base word and the suffix. Guide them to the pattern.

POSSIBLE STUDENT QUESTION

How do I know it is a word with a suffix syllable? Look for the base word and the suffix.

RPLD EVIDENCE & ADVICE

NOTICE at Foundational is about finding the word with a suffix syllable. Keep the demand at this level.

RAISE THE THINKING

Ask a student what the word would sound like without the word with a suffix pattern.

TODAY'S THINKING JOB

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.

"A **careless use of natural resources could harm the land for future generations."**

A gentle • **B** careless • **C** common

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

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Tuesday · CHOOSE · Developing

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" " = say word-for-word · ▶ = teacher direction (do not read aloud)

"Today's thinking job is CHOOSE. I can choose a word with a word with a suffix syllable."

▶ Read the I can statement aloud, then the task on the slide.

"Read the sentence and all three choices. Only one word has the word with a suffix pattern."

▶ Have students choose privately, then share with a partner before you reveal the answer on slide 8.

ANSWER KEY: B. careless (related vocabulary). Care-less. The suffix -less means without. Care is the base. Careless means without care. Gentle has no suffix pattern here, and common has no suffix.

CHECK FOR UNDERSTANDING

Ask a student to name the base word and the suffix in the answer.

COMMON MISCONCEPTION

Students may choose by ear. Use the rule to check the base word and the suffix.

POSSIBLE STUDENT QUESTION

Two words seem close. How do I pick? Check for the base word and the suffix.

RPLD EVIDENCE & ADVICE

CHOOSE at Developing is about selecting the word the rule fits. Keep the demand at this level.

RAISE THE THINKING

Ask a student to find another word with a suffix syllable in the sentence.

TODAY'S THINKING JOB

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.

"After sunset, **darkness** covered the wide open plains."

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

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Wednesday · SHOW · Independent

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" " = say word-for-word · ▶ = teacher direction (do not read aloud)

"Today's thinking job is **SHOW**. I can show how a word with a suffix syllable works."

▶ Read the I can statement aloud, then the task on the slide.

"The bold word is **darkness**. Name the base word and the suffix."

▶ Take two or three answers. Push students to name all the parts.

ANSWER KEY: darkness (related vocabulary). Dark-ness. The suffix -ness turns the adjective dark into a noun. Darkness means the state of being dark.

CHECK FOR UNDERSTANDING

Ask a student to point to the base word and the suffix in the word.

COMMON MISCONCEPTION

Students may name only part of the pattern. Require all parts.

POSSIBLE STUDENT QUESTION

Can a word have more than one word with a suffix syllable?
Yes, a longer word can.

RPLD EVIDENCE & ADVICE

SHOW at Independent is about explaining how the rule works.
Keep the demand at this level.

RAISE THE THINKING

Ask a student what would change if the pattern were different.

TODAY'S THINKING JOB

OWN

"I can find the base word behind the suffix."

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Own it. Read the longer word.

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

usefulness
use / ful / ness

I CAN | I can find the base word behind the suffix.

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Thursday · OWN · Advanced

 ~4 min

" " = say word-for-word · ▶ = teacher direction (do not read aloud)

"Today's thinking job is OWN. I can find the base word behind the suffix."

▶ Read the I can statement aloud, then the task on the slide.

"Usefulness is a longer word. Split it and read each syllable."

▶ Model the cover-and-read once, then have students split the word on the OWN row of the tracking sheet.

ANSWER KEY: use / ful / ness. Use is VCe. Ful means full of. Ness turns it into a noun. Two suffixes stacked on one base.

CHECK FOR UNDERSTANDING

Ask a student to name each syllable in usefulness and its type.

COMMON MISCONCEPTION

Students may read the first syllable with the wrong vowel sound. Guide them to the pattern.

POSSIBLE STUDENT QUESTION

How do I know where to split the word? Look for the syllable boundary.

RPLD EVIDENCE & ADVICE

OWN at Advanced is about using the rule inside a longer word. Keep the demand at this level.

RAISE THE THINKING

Ask a student to apply the rule to another longer word.

TODAY'S THINKING JOB

DEFEND

"I can prove that a word has -ful, -less, or -ness."

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Defend the rule.

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

"Learning about each region's resources was helpful for understanding Texas."

I CAN | I can prove that a word has -ful, -less, or -ness.

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Friday · DEFEND · Reflective

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" " = say word-for-word · ▶ = teacher direction (do not read aloud)

"Today's thinking job is DEFEND. I can prove that a word has -ful, -less, or -ness."

▶ Read the I can statement aloud, then the task on the slide.

"For helpful, name the base word and the suffix and prove it."

▶ Have students write a because statement on the DEFEND row, then share two strong answers.

ANSWER KEY: helpful (related vocabulary). Help-ful. The suffix -ful means full of. Help is the base. Helpful means full of help.

CHECK FOR UNDERSTANDING

Ask a student to explain how they proved helpful follows the rule.

COMMON MISCONCEPTION

Students may name the whole word instead of the base word and the suffix. Require all parts.

POSSIBLE STUDENT QUESTION

Is every word with this pattern word with a suffix? Yes, if it has the base word and the suffix.

RPLD EVIDENCE & ADVICE

DEFEND at Reflective is about proving the rule. Keep the demand at this level.

RAISE THE THINKING

Ask a student to defend why another word in the sentence is NOT a word with a suffix syllable.

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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Independent Practice · YOUR TURN

 ~5 min

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“Now it is your turn to find a word with a suffix syllable on your own.”

▶ Read the Your Turn task. Students work independently on the tracking sheet.

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

▶ Circulate and note who can name all the parts without help.

ANSWER KEY: hopeless. Hope-less. The suffix -less means without. Hope is the base.

CHECK FOR UNDERSTANDING

Scan for students who name the base word and the suffix together.

COMMON MISCONCEPTION

Students may write a word without naming all the parts. Require the base word and the suffix.

POSSIBLE STUDENT QUESTION

What if my word has more than one syllable? Pick the syllable that is word with a suffix and prove it.

RPLD EVIDENCE & ADVICE

Independent practice shows who owns the rule. Look for the base word and the suffix.

RAISE THE THINKING

Ask an early finisher to check their word by reading it aloud.

SYLLABLE TYPES

Answers, across the five thinking levels.

NOTICE colorful. Col-or-ful. The suffix -ful means full of. Color is the base. Colorful means full of color.

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SHOW darkness (related vocabulary). Dark-ness. The suffix -ness turns the adjective dark into a noun. Darkness means the state of being dark.

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DEFEND helpful (related vocabulary). Help-ful. The suffix -ful means full of. Help is the base. Helpful means full of help.

YOUR TURN hopeless. Hope-less. The suffix -less means without. Hope is the base.

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Review the Answers

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“Let's check our work across the five thinking levels.”

▶ Reveal the answer slide one row at a time. Have students check their own tracking sheets.

“If you missed one, that is where your learning is. Go back to the word and find the pattern.”

▶ Celebrate students who explained the rule, not only students who named the word.

CHECK FOR UNDERSTANDING

Students can explain the rule, not just name the word.

COMMON MISCONCEPTION

Naming the word without the base word and the suffix. Ask how and why for at least two answers.

POSSIBLE STUDENT QUESTION

Why not just memorize the list? Because readers meet new words in books and tests, and the rule reads them.

RPLD EVIDENCE & ADVICE

Reviewing is where OWN turns into DEFEND. Push for the base word and the suffix.

RAISE THE THINKING

Ask a student to explain what would change if the syllable type were different.

READ THIS PASSAGE EXCERPT.

“Everything looks greener and more colorful!” Xavier said. ... Each region looked different, but all were important parts of Texas.”

Which word from the reading has the suffix -ful, meaning full of?

A different

B important

C common

D colorful

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Show What You Know

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“ ” = say word-for-word · ▶ = teacher direction (do not read aloud)

“Here is a test-style question, the kind you see on the state assessment.”

▶ Read the excerpt and the question aloud.

“Read all four choices before you decide. The best answer is the one the rule fits.”

▶ Give think time. Students choose privately and bubble their letter on the tracking sheet.

ANSWER KEY: The answer is D.

CHECK FOR UNDERSTANDING

Students choose by the rule, not by which word looks familiar.

COMMON MISCONCEPTION

Choosing by guess or by a word they like. Check the pattern in each choice.

POSSIBLE STUDENT QUESTION

Two answers seem close. How do I pick? Check for the base word and the suffix.

RPLD EVIDENCE & ADVICE

A clean test item is DEFEND in action under assessment conditions.

RAISE THE THINKING

Ask why each wrong choice is wrong, which leads into the next slide.

The answer is D.

A different
Different ends in -ent, not -ful.

B important
Important ends in -ant, not -ful.

C common
Common has no suffix -ful.

D colorful Correct.
Col-or-ful. The suffix -ful means full of. Colorful means full of color.

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The Answer, and Why

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"The correct answer is D. The most important part is understanding why."

▶ Reveal each choice's reason. Spend the most time on the wrong answers.

"Each wrong choice is a real word from the reading, but it does not fit the pattern."

▶ Have students write one sentence on the tracking sheet explaining why the correct answer is right.

CHECK FOR UNDERSTANDING

Students can explain why the correct word fits the rule.

COMMON MISCONCEPTION

Knowing the answer but not why. Insist on the reason.

POSSIBLE STUDENT QUESTION

Why is the second choice wrong? Because it has a different syllable type.

RPLD EVIDENCE & ADVICE

Explaining the distractors is the highest DEFEND move of the week.

RAISE THE THINKING

Ask a student to write a new sentence using a word with a suffix syllable word and prove the rule.