

EXACT TEKS WORDING (FROM TEA)

“demonstrate and apply spelling knowledge by spelling words using knowledge of suffixes, including how they can change base words such as dropping e, changing y to i, and doubling final consonants”

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN TO ME?

A suffix is a word part added to the end of a word.

The suffixes al and ial make adjectives, as in nature to natural.

Watch for base word changes like dropping e or changing y to i.

THE SPELLING RULE**Suffix al and ial**

personal natural musical central final financial
special official material memorial

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WHERE THEY APPEAR: “The special musical was a financial success.”

This deck teaches **Suffix al and ial** across the five RPLD thinking levels: **NOTICE** → **CHOOSE** → **SHOW** → **OWN** → **DEFEND**.

TODAY'S THINKING JOB

NOTICE

"I can notice the suffix."

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Notice the suffix.

Find the suffix inside the word.

personal = person + al

I CAN I can notice the suffix in a word.

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CHOOSE

"I can choose the correct spelling."

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Choose the correct spelling.

Which spelling is correct?

special • speical • speshal

I CAN I can choose the correctly spelled word.

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SHOW

"I can show the rule with a suffix word."

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Show the rule.

Build or spell the word.

music + al = _____

I CAN I can build the word correctly.

TODAY'S THINKING JOB

OWN

"I can own the rule with a new word."

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Own the rule.

Build a new word on your own.

finance + ial = _____

I CAN I can spell a new word on my own.

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DEFEND

"I can explain and transfer the rule."

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Explain and transfer.

Explain the suffix, then spell one word of your own.

"The official made a personal and special choice," she said.

I CAN I can explain the suffix and use a word in my own writing.

Your turn to spell.

Build each word, then use one in a sentence about the reading.

person + al → _____ nature + al → _____ music + al → _____ fin + al →
_____ finance + ial → _____

I CAN I can spell words with the suffix on my own.

Answers, across the five thinking levels.

NOTICE

personal = person + al.

CHOOSE

special is correct.

SHOW

music + al = musical.

OWN

finance + ial = financial.

DEFEND

The suffix keeps its spelling in every word; a correct student word might be natural, musical, or central.

YOUR TURN

personal, natural, musical, final, financial

READ THIS SENTENCE.

Each choice is one way to spell the same word.

Which word is spelled correctly?

A special

B speical

C speshal

D speciel

The answer is **A**.

A special · Correct. The ial ending spells the sound in special.

B speical · Reverses ia to ai.

C speshal · Spells ci as sh.

D speciel · Spells the ending with e.