

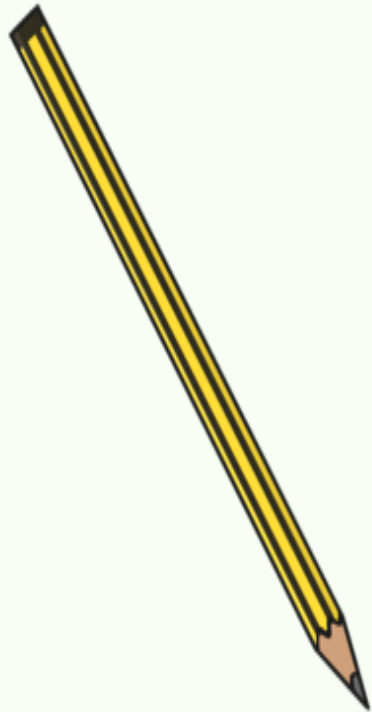
English- Week 2



Monday 1st March

- ★ Can I add suffixes to spell longer words?
- ★ Can I identify suffixes in a text?

What is a **suffix**?



A suffix is something that we add to the **end** of a word that changes its meaning.

Here are some suffixes that you might have met before:



catches



dogs



faster
fastest



pull
pulling
pulled
puller

- ness

is a suffix that turns **adjectives** (words that **describe**) into **nouns** (words that **name**).

Here is an example:

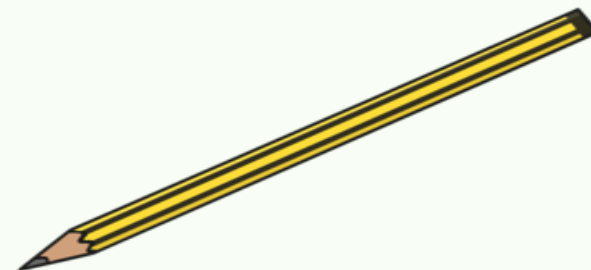
kind	kind <u>ness</u>
Charlie was kind to his friend.	Charlie showed kindness to his friend.



- ness

Can you add -ness to these adjectives and use them in a sentence?

- bright
- dark
- sad



bright _____

dark _____

sad _____

-ful

can be added to words to make adjectives.

Think of this suffix as meaning 'full of'.

For example: what is something that is full of beauty?

beautiful

Notice that the 'y' at the end of beauty changes to an 'i' in beautiful.

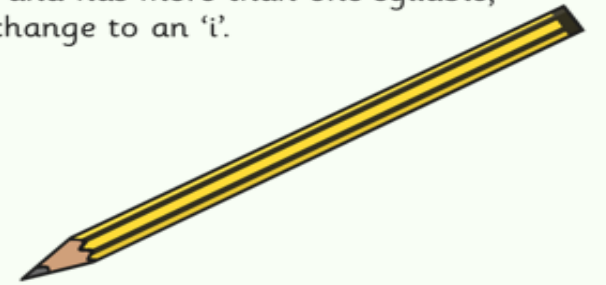


-ful

Can you make these words into adjectives using the -ful suffix?

If the root word ends in a 'y' and has more than one syllable, the 'y' will change to an 'i'.

- bounty
- resent
- hope



bounty _____

resent _____

sad _____

Read this postcard from Sunny. Can you find the suffixes and add in a few of your own ?

Dear Mum and Dad,
Today I am feeling lonely. I must be very careful where I go because there is so much to fear in the desert. This place is stressful, I can't even go out when darkness falls because of the scary snakes- one bite would be very painful and even deadly! In the mornings I go for walks, I am thankful that I have got to see a camel and a cactus or two. The loneliness is getting worse now so I am hopeful I can return home soon.
Wishing you love and kindness
From
Sunny xx



Words that end in -ful

Words that end in -ness

Tuesday 2nd March

★ Can I recognise past and present tense?

Past and Present Tense

Watch the Tenses song video to find out more about past, present and future tense.

[The Tenses Song \(Past, Present & Future\) - Bing video](#)

Using the sheet on the page below or on another piece of paper, can you sort the verbs into the past or present?



Verb Sorting Activity

When did it happen? Cut out the verbs on the other pages. Match the pairs of past and present tense of each verb on this page.

Past

Present

spoke

kick

gave

sing

hug

walk

ate

kissed

jump

go

growl

yelled

slept

smell

give

buy

looked

sang

grabbed

got

jumped

kicked

In Meerkat Mail there are lots of different sentences that are in the past tense. Can you tick the sentences that are in the past tense? Adults can help to read the sentence.

Uncle Bob welcomed Sunny but he never fitted in.

Sunny wrote to his family as he had promised.

On Tuesday Sunny goes to stay with his cousins Scratch and Mitch and the rest of the family.

Sunny is getting itchy feet and decides to move on.

By Friday evening Sunny had reached Madagascar.

Sunny's family work together, learn together and sleep together.

Sunny told cousin Edward that he liked chicken.

Challenge 1:

Can you change the present tense sentences into past tense sentences and write them out?

Challenge 2:

Choose some of the past tense verbs you sorted and write them into a sentence
e.g.

I **gave** my mum some chocolate.

Wednesday 3rd March

- ★ Can I understand the similarities and differences between the U.K and a contrasting locality?
- ★ Can I understand how a character may be thinking or feeling?

Sunny has come all the way to Wouldham on his travels around the world. Yesterday I showed him around our school. I've told him that we aren't all here at the moment so he wanted me to take some photos of him to show you. He says that Wouldham is VERY different to Africa.

★ Look at each picture of Sunny. Can you write a speech bubble to say what he might be thinking?

Sunny is in the Canteen, what do you think he thinks of our food?
Is it the same as his?

A large yellow speech bubble with a white background and a yellow outline. Inside the bubble, there are five horizontal black lines for writing. The bubble has a tail pointing towards the bottom left.

Sunny is on the grassy bank by the trees. How do you think he will describe the grass and trees? Will he have seen much grass in the desert?



A large, empty speech bubble with a yellow outline, containing five horizontal lines for writing.

Sunny went out in the snow and rain. What do you think he thinks about the weather here in the U.K? Is it similar to the Kalahari desert?

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Thursday 4th March



Can I write a letter?

Today we would like you write a letter from Sunny back home to his parents in the desert. In the letter you should:

- Use adjectives to describe what it is like in Wouldham (the weather, food and other physical features)
- Write in full sentences with capital letters and full stops.
- Use the past tense to say what you have done.
- Remember to use 'I' because you are writing as if you are Sunny.

Use the frame on the following page and upload your work to Mrs. Kerbey or Mr. Trevallion on KLZ

Friday 5th March

Reading Comprehension
Meerkats

Meerkats are animals that belong to the mongoose family. They live in Africa and are known for their teamwork. Meerkats are mammals, which means they have fur and give birth to live babies. Baby meerkats are called pups.

What Do Meerkats Look Like?

Meerkats can grow to around 30cm tall. Their tails can be 20cm long. They have fur which, is a mixture of yellow, brown and grey and sometimes, they have black spots. Meerkats have black rings around their eyes. This helps shield their eyes from the hot desert sun – a bit like a pair of sunglasses! Meerkats have long, sharp claws, which help them dig and climb.

Read the passage with a grown up then answer the questions together.

1) Do Meerkats like to be on their own or with others? How do you know?

2) How do we know Meerkats are mammals?

3) Write three sentences to describe what Meerkats look like?



Where Do Meerkats Live?

Meerkats live in grassland in deserts in southern Africa. They live in underground tunnels called burrows. These burrows can be 5m long and have lots of different entrances and rooms. Meerkats are social animals and like to be together in family groups of usually around 20 members. To get warm after a cool night, meerkats will lie on their back in the desert sun.

What is a burrow?

Where do Meerkats live?

Which word tells you that night time in the desert is cold?

What Do Meerkats Eat?

Meerkats are omnivores, which means they eat meat and plants. Things they eat include beetles, caterpillars, spiders, eggs and fruit.

How Do Meerkats Protect Themselves?

Meerkats have very good eyesight, which helps them to spot predators (animals which try to catch them) from up to 300m away. A group of meerkats have one member who stands guard to watch for predators. If there is danger, the guard will bark or whistle to warn the others. If caught by a predator, a meerkat will try to make itself look scary by showing its teeth and claws.

Name 3 things a Meerkat would eat? _____

How does a Meerkat warn others that a predator is near?
