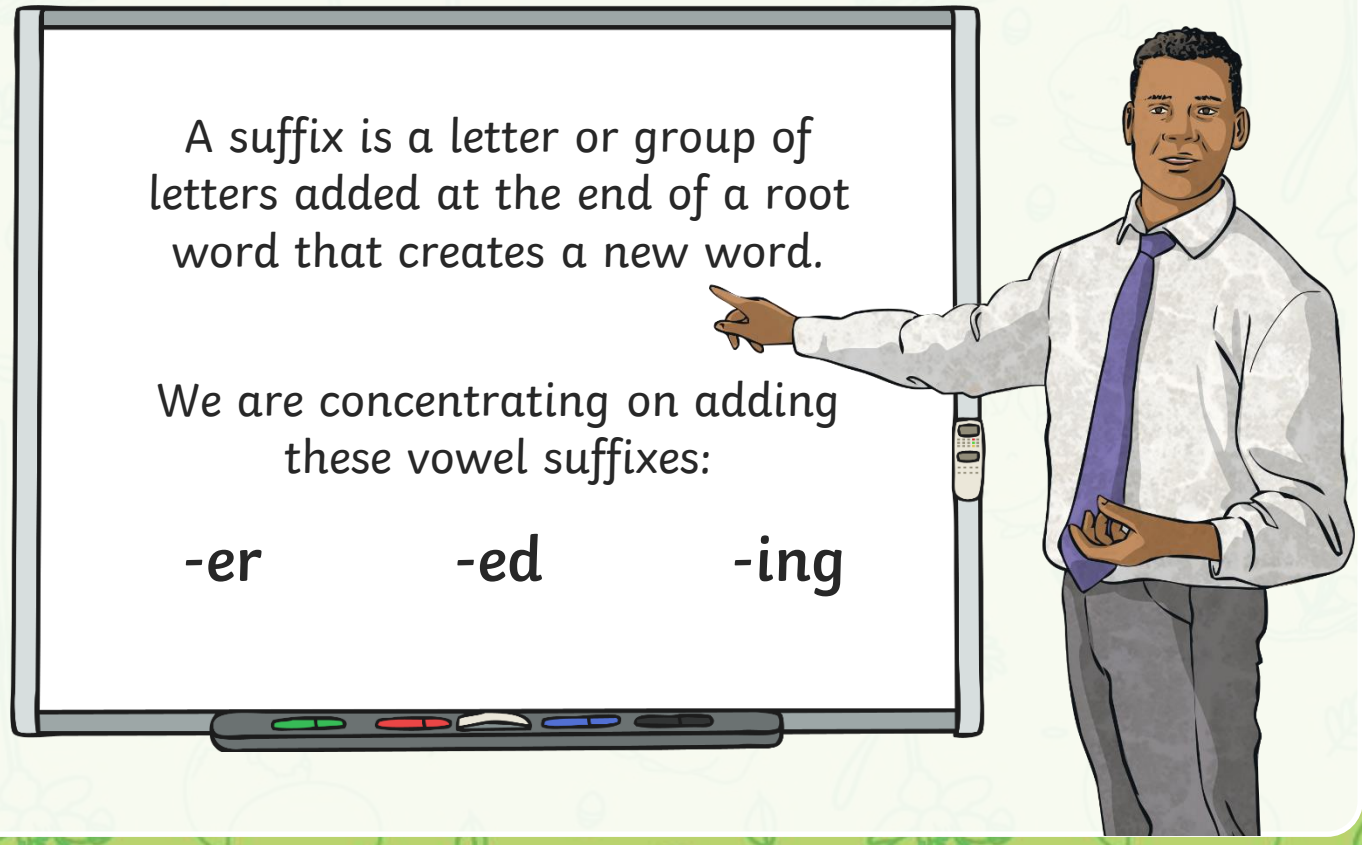
Adding the Vowel Suffixes (-er, -ed or -ing) to Words with More Than One Syllable Where the Last Syllable is Unstressed



This week, we are going to be looking at adding suffixes to a number of different root words.

Can you remember what a suffix is?



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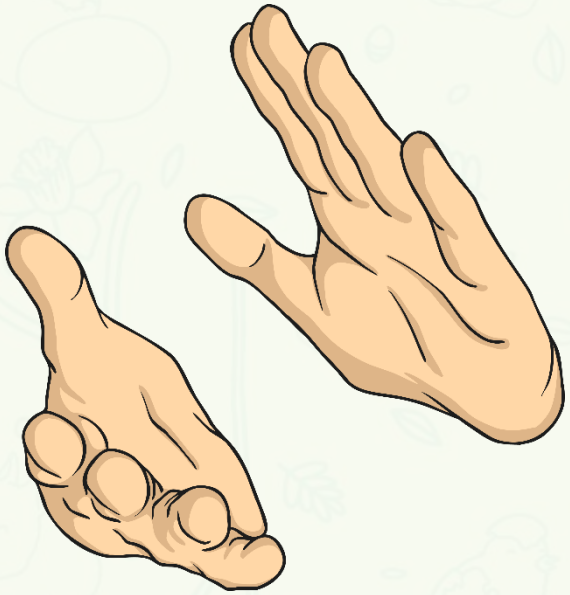
We are going to add the vowel suffixes to these root words:

garden benefit offer

focus limit

What do you notice about them?

- They all have two or more syllables. Can you clap them?
- They can all be used as nouns and verbs. What does that mean?



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Let's look again at the syllables in the root words. Say them aloud with me.

gar/den

ben/e/fit

off/er

fo/cus

lim/it



All of these words have what is called an 'unstressed' last syllable. Unstressed syllables are pronounced slightly quieter and at a slightly lower pitch than stressed syllables.



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Look and say these again. The stressed syllables are now written in uppercase letters.

GAR/den

BEN/e/fit

OFF/er

FO/cus

LIM/it



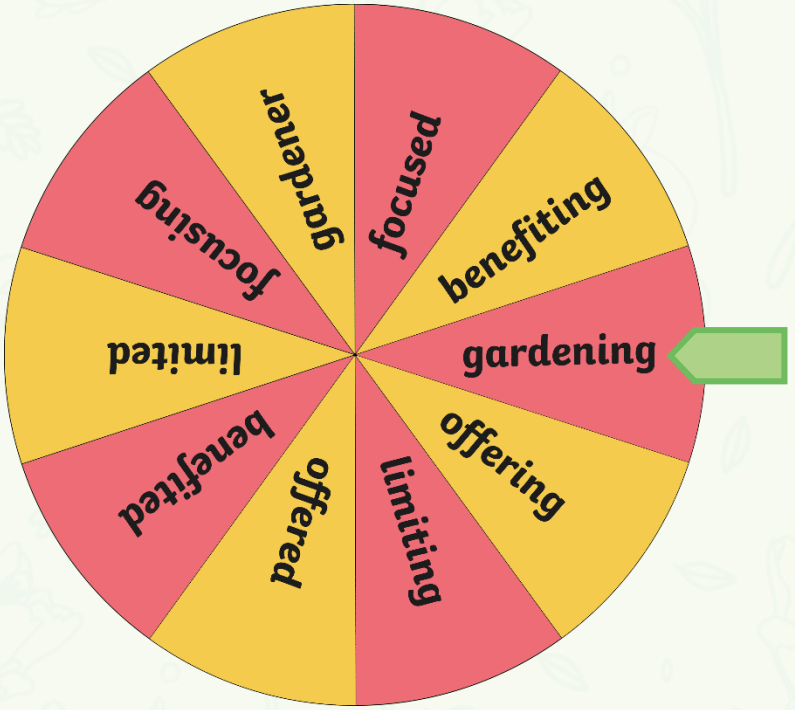
Root words like this do not change when a vowel suffix is added (this rule changes when the last syllable is stressed).



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Now work with your partner to write an exciting sentence that contains the chosen word on your whiteboards. Use a dictionary to help if you are unsure of the word's meaning.





Click the button to spin the wheel!

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Here are your spelling words for this week.

Remember, the root words stay the same when –ed, -er or –ing vowel suffixes are added.



Week 2

Adding the vowel suffixes -er, -ed or -ing

gardener

gardening

limited

limiting

offering

offered

benefited

benefiting

focused

focusing

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