

Suffixes — Adding -ING to Verbs

Base Sheet

Activity Sheet

The child learns that adding the suffix '-ing' to a verb changes it to show an action happening RIGHT NOW. This morphology lesson builds understanding of how word parts change meaning and introduces the concept of suffixes.

What You Need:

- Whiteboard and marker
- Verb word cards
- -ING suffix cards
- Paper and pencil
- Space for acting out verbs

Steps:

1. 'We can change words by adding parts to the end! A part added to the end of a word is called a SUFFIX.'
2. Write 'jump' on the board. 'This is a verb — an action word. Now watch: jump + ing = JUMPING! The ing tells us the action is happening NOW.'
3. Practice with simple verbs: walk/walking, talk/talking, read/reading, help/helping, play/playing, sing/singing.
4. 'Are you jumping? No — you jumped. Are you jumping? Yes! I am jumping RIGHT NOW!'
5. Act it out: child walks. 'What are you doing? I am walking!' Run: 'I am running!'
6. Write 5 sentences using -ing words.
7. Note the spelling rule: if a verb ends in 'e,' drop the e before adding -ing: make/making, ride/riding.

Work Space:

