

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

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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?

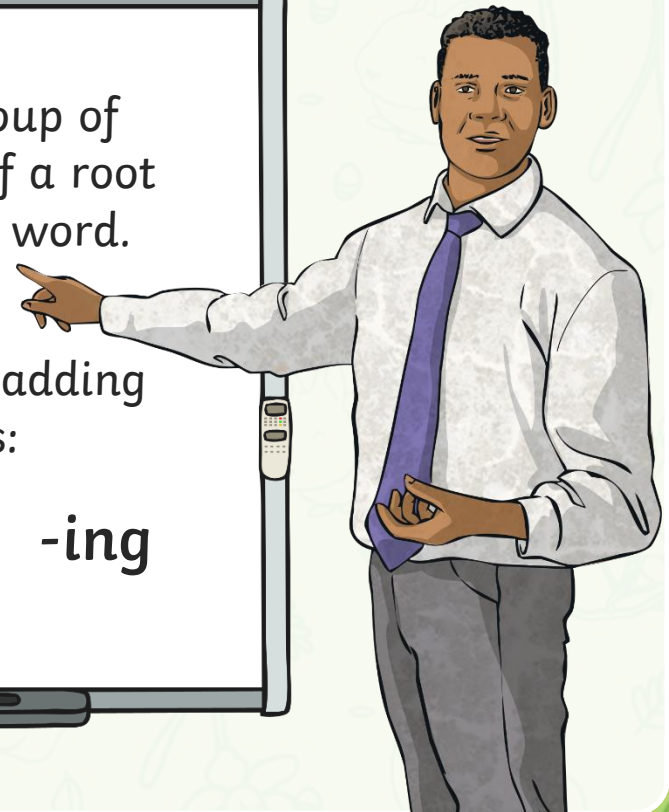
A suffix is a letter or group of letters added at the end of a root word that creates a new word.

We are concentrating on adding these vowel suffixes:

-ed

-ed

-ing



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

garden

benefit

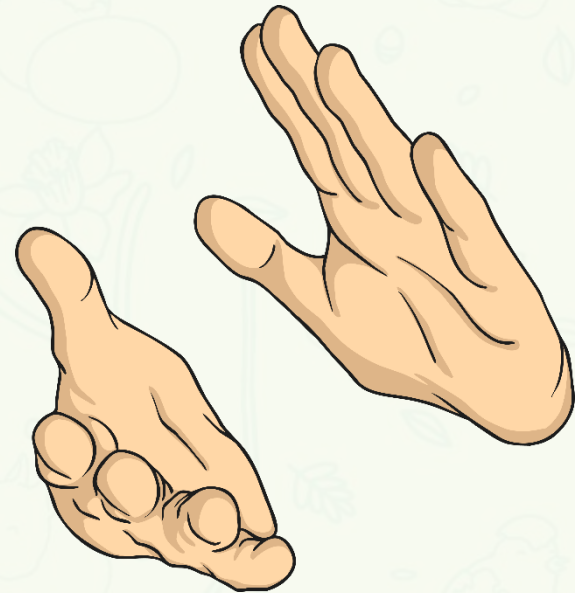
offer

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?



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.



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).

