



Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Year 3 Spellings

Dear parents,

Please could your child complete writing activities in work book.

I would love to see your child's progress!

Thank you, Mrs Bradwell.

**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?

Watch this short video as a recap of what suffixes are.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z8mxrwx/articles/zwgbcwx>



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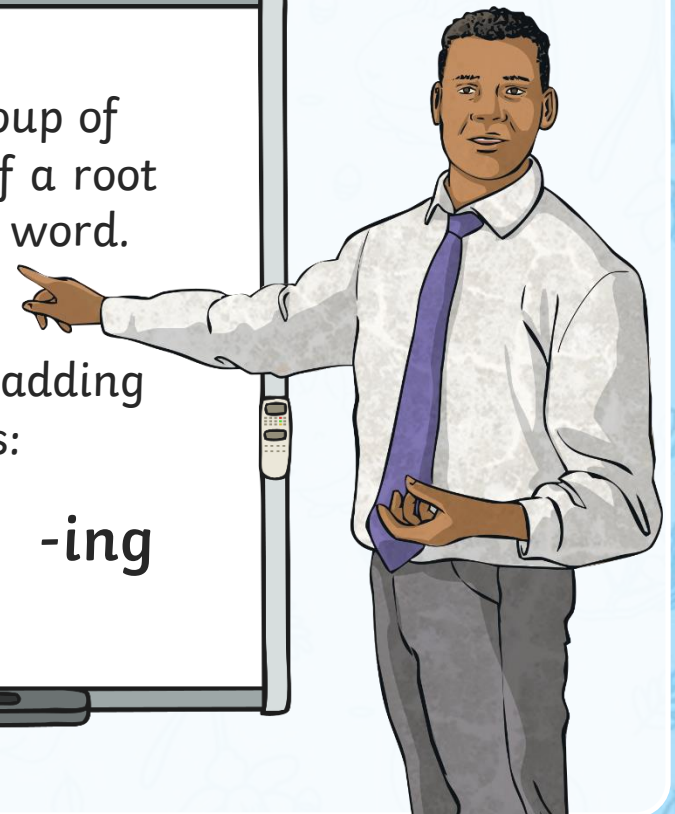
A suffix is a letter or group of letters added at the end of a root word that creates a new word.

We are concentrating on adding these vowel suffixes:

-er

-ed

-ing



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

garden

benefit

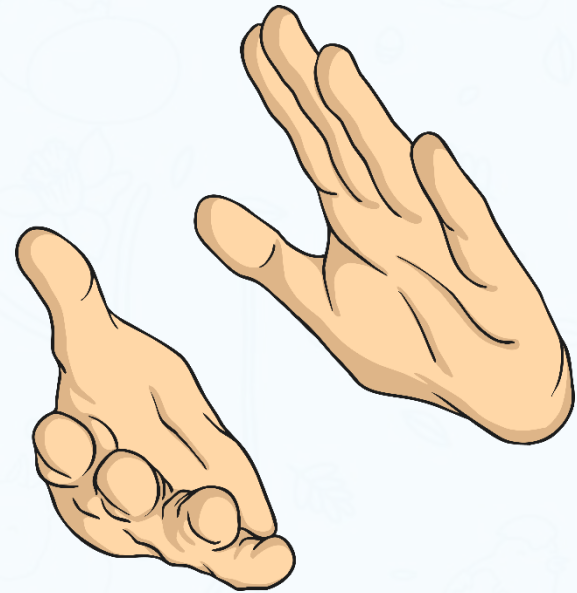
offer

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).





Activity 1 – Write each of your spellings into a silly sentence. Use a dictionary to help if you are unsure of the word's meaning.



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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Activity 2 –  
Practise writing  
each spelling.

**Continuous Cursive Handwriting Practice**  
Practise your weekly spelling words using continuous cursive handwriting.

*gardener*

*gardening*

*limited*

*limiting*

*offering*

*offered*

*benefited*

*benefiting*

*focused*

*focusing*

Activity 3 –  
Find each spelling  
in the word search.

**Adding the Vowel Suffixes  
(-er, -ed or -ing) to Words**

y	o	f	f	e	r	i	n	g	t	w	b
w	m	o	f	f	e	r	e	d	o	z	e
b	e	n	e	f	i	t	i	n	g	t	n
h	f	p	p	q	c	s	v	b	v	h	e
i	o	o	g	a	r	d	e	n	e	r	f
z	c	u	m	n	h	s	o	f	q	x	i
x	u	c	e	w	d	w	c	f	j	z	t
s	s	g	a	r	d	e	n	i	n	g	e
e	i	m	s	f	o	c	u	s	e	d	d
t	n	v	o	e	n	e	b	i	o	e	d
c	g	s	i	l	l	i	m	i	t	e	d
w	i	l	i	m	i	t	i	n	g	j	j

gardener	offered
gardening	benefited
limited	benefiting
limiting	focused
offering	focusing

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# Activity 4 – Which Word Where? Can you put the correct word into each sentence?

## Which Word Where?

This week, we are learning about adding the vowel suffixes (-er, -ed or -ing) to words with more than one syllable where the last syllable is unstressed.

Can you match the correct word into the correct sentence?

gardener	limited	offering	benefited	focused
gardening	limiting	offered	benefiting	focusing

1. The vet had told Mrs Beasley to start \_\_\_\_\_ the amount of food that she gave to her overweight cat, Cuddles.
2. The country house estate had its own \_\_\_\_\_ to cut the vast lawns and trim the bushes.
3. Because he'd eaten all his lunch, Max's dad \_\_\_\_\_ him a tasty pudding.
4. After a day's \_\_\_\_\_, Billy's back ached and his hands were sore.
5. The toy shop had very \_\_\_\_\_ stock of this year's best-selling Christmas toy – they would be sure to sell out soon.
6. The newly-built house \_\_\_\_\_ from double glazing and gas central heating.
7. As her new class were struggling to answer multiplication questions, Miss Betts was \_\_\_\_\_ on times tables lessons this term.
8. The hungry owl's eyes were \_\_\_\_\_ on a mouse that was scampering among the leaves.
9. Due to his stunning performance in the cup final, the football team were \_\_\_\_\_ their striker a new contract.
10. Isaac's swimming lessons were \_\_\_\_\_ him a lot; he was now a very confident swimmer.

### Challenge Task

Make a list of all the adjectives used in the sentences.