

Suffixes

Lo: to know which types of words can have comparative endings added.

Below is a list of suffixes which are often added to words. Today you are going to investigate which suffixes are most often used to change nouns, verbs and adjectives.

Endings [suffixes] to choose from

-ing

-er

-est

-ed

-ess

Nouns

Table
Ball
Window
Football
Rainbow
Dog
Chair
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Verbs

Walk
Ride
Talk
Smile
Tremble
Work
Read
Play
eat

Adjectives

Hot
Shiny
Nice
Happy
Green
Rosy
Warm
Cool
tasty

Task 1

Taking each type of word [in the above boxes] in turn, work out which of the suffixes can be used with each word. Some words can be altered by more than one of the suffixes, some cannot have any of the suffixes added. Write the new words you have made into your books. You may change the endings of the words before adding the suffixes, if necessary.

Task 2

What have you discovered? Do some suffixes only fit certain types of words? Explain your findings in your own words. Think of other words which prove your findings.