

Book 1: Base words and suffixes

Morphemes are parts of the word that give it meaning. The **base word** is the main part. A **suffix** is added to the end of the base word. Suffixes can change the meaning of the word. Learning to identify the parts of the words can help you to understand the word and spell it accurately.

help less freshly holding reached useful greatest

likely blinded selfish foolish speaker opened

lifting endless hopeful darken joyful childish

tighten fighter neatness leader cooking brainy

Underline the base word in each of the words above. Then break the words up into base word and suffix and write them in the grid below.

	base word	suffix			base word	suffix
1	help	less		13		
2				14		
3				15		
4				16		
5				17		
6				18		
7				19		
8				20		
9				21		
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11				23		
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