**Common Suffixes and Word Study Activities**

1. **Make the cards.** Write the suffix on one side of an index card and some of the words on the other side.
2. **Teach the suffixes.** Choose a suffix to teach. Write a known word with that suffix on a dry erase board, underline the suffix and teach the sound.
3. **Make a Big Word.** Choose a word with the suffix. Tell students the letters to remove from their trays. Dictate the letters in alphabetical order. Tell students the word to make. Have them clap the syllables before they make the word. They should say each syllable as they make the word. Then have them break the word at the affix and root. Have them remake the word. Discuss the meaning of the word, if necessary.
4. **Write a Big Word.** Choose a suffix you have taught. Dictate a word for students to write. Have them clap the word. Then tell them to say each part as they write the word. Have them underline the suffix. Dictate another word with the same suffix and repeat the steps. Discuss the meaning of the words if necessary.
5. **Review the suffixes.** Each day quickly review the suffixes you have taught. Flash each suffix card and have students read it. The goal is for students to read the suffixes fluently.

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| **Suffix** | **Examples** |
| **ous** | **famous**, joyous, nervous, dangerous, enormous, humungous, generous, venomous |
| **tion** | **action**, nation, motion, potion, portion, fraction, lotion, notion, station, traction  reaction, infection, relation, dedication, promotion, multiplication, vacation, |
| **sion** | **mansion**, confusion, vision, supervision, invasion, decision, conclusion,  transfusion, suspension, comprehension, compression, impression |
| **ture** | **picture**, feature, creature, venture, mixture, torture, culture, structure, future  furniture, departure, temperature, adventure |
| **ity** | **cavity**, activity, equity, vanity, unity, ability, charity, quality, dignity, gravity, varsity  humanity, maturity, quantity, priority, eternity, insanity, diversity, captivity |
| **able** | l**ikeable**, peaceable, adorable, disposable, portable, capable, comfortable, respectable, debatable |
| **cial** | **racial**, facial, social, special, especially, crucial, official, artificial, superficial, |
| **tial** | **partial,** spatial, martial, initial, potential, sequential, confidential, essential |
| **cious** | **gracious**, spacious, vicious, precious, delicious, suspicious, conscious, ferocious |
| **tious** | **cautiou**s, ambitious, nutritious, infectious, scrumptious, superstitious |
| **tive** | **active,** native, motive, captive, festive, relative, creative, positive, negative, defective, effective, sensitive, objective, selective, adjective, preventive |
| **sive** | **intensive**, invasive, extensive, expensive, exclusive, offensive, defensive, explosive, inclusive, impulsive, impressive, aggressive, responsive, persuasive, expressive |
| **sure** | **pressure,** pleasure, measure, exposure, treasure, enclosure, composure |
| **ious** | **curious**, obvious, serious, previous, envious, various, victorious |
| **ism** | **racism,** organism, optimism, activism, criticism, terrorism, socialism, symbolism |

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| un | unlike, undo, unhappy, uncover, unfriendly, unaware, untie, unfair, unpaid, unused, unknown, unlucky, unwanted, unclear |
| re | remake, recall, replay, rerun, reheat, rewrite, rebuild, relive  reassemble, recreate, rediscover, readjust |
| dis | dislike, disagree, disconnect, distrust, disable, displease, disloyal |
| mis | mistake, mistrust, misuse, mistreat, misread, misbehave, misrepresent, miserable, misunderstand, misinterpret, |
| ness | Illness, fitness, madness, goodness, witness, harness, kindness, firmness, likeness, fullness, greatness, weakness  laziness, waviness, |
| less | unless, sunless, endless, jobless, gutless, useless, careless, wordless, wireless, helpless, restless, timeless, cordless, fearless, lifeless, spotless |
| pre | precook, prepay, prefer, prevent, prepare, preview, predict, prebake, prefix |
| pro | promote, propel, protect, produce, project, provide, provoke, propose |
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