

Suffixes : “-ful”

Suffixes are groups of letters that are added to the end of a word to change its meaning. However, they are commonly misspelled.

The suffix “-ful” is spelt with one “l” though it is commonly misspelled “-full”.

This one is easy to fix – always write it with one “l” when it is being used as a suffix.

TASK: How many other words can you think of ending in the suffix “-ful” in 2 minutes?



Suffixes: “-tion”, “-sion” and “-cian”

The suffixes “-tion”, “-sion” and “-cian” all sound like “-shun”.

“What fraction of 1 metre is 42cm?”

“What a funny expression!”

“Who wants to be a musician when they’re older?”

You just have to make sure you learn these as you go along or look out for patterns to help you.

Suffixes: “-able” and “-ible”

The suffix “-able” can sometimes be spelled “-ible”.

“Are fossil fuels examples of renewable or non-renewable energy sources?”

“Be responsible and make sure you write down all the details about your homework in your planner.”

Again, you just have to make sure you learn these as you go along or identify patterns to help you.

TASK: Listen to your tutor.

Can you write the correct word in the correct column?

Have you spelled it correctly?

Use a pencil so you can rub out and re-write any incorrect answers at the end.

-tion	-sion	-cian	-able	-ible

TASK ANSWERS: Have you spelled them correctly?

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Make sure you now have all the correct answers.

Pick a different colour for each of the 5 suffixes and shade over the suffixes in your completed grid.

Using colour coding helps you remember something you have learned more easily.

-tion	-sion	-cian	-able	-ible
revolution	explosion	electrician	acceptable	responsible
reaction	erosion	musician	unavoidable	reversible
integration	invasion			

Finished? Add in at least two examples of words ending in each of the 5 suffixes we have looked at.