

Prefix and suffix card

Turn one known word into several answers in the same round.

The 20-second family check

Step	Check	Quick reminder
1	S / ES	boxes, teaches, carries
2	ED / ING	drop E: hoping; double: stopping; keep Y: studying
3	ER / ERS	painter, runner, carrier
4	One derivative	-ful, -less, -ly, -ness, -able, -ment, only if familiar
Park	Prefixes	re-, un-, over-, out-, mis-, dis-: save for their own round

Spelling changes to watch

Rule	Examples	Watch for
Drop final E before -ing	hope, hoping; make, making; write, writing	E usually stays before a consonant: hopeful, movement
Final E takes just -d	hope, hoped; love, loved; bake, baked	Do not write a second E
Consonant + Y becomes -ies	study, studies; carry, carries	Includes noun plurals as well as verbs
Consonant + Y becomes -ied	study, studied; hurry, hurried	The Y stays before -ing: studying, hurrying
Consonant + Y becomes -ier, -iest	happy, happier, happiest	Mostly adjectives
Vowel + Y keeps the Y	play, played; enjoy, enjoyed	plaiED is not listed
Double the final consonant	stop, stopped, stopping; plan, planned, planning; run, runner	Depends on stress and vowel sound, so rely on words you know
IE becomes Y before -ing	die, dying; lie, lying; tie, tying; vie, vying	tieing is also listed

Only forms the game accepts count, and a form scores only in its own letter's round. Full worksheet with answer keys: theverbarium.com/prefix-suffix-cheat-sheet/