

Spelling list: Suffixes: -er, -or, -ar

Did you know that you can add a suffix to the end of a base word to change its meaning?

The suffixes *-er*, *-or*, and *-ar* are used to turn verbs into nouns. These nouns usually refer to roles that people take on.

Let's look at some examples:

The verb *teach* + the suffix *-er* = the noun *teacher* (someone who *teaches*).

The verb *act* + the suffix *-or* = the noun *actor* (someone who *acts*).

The verb *beg* + the suffix *-ar* = the noun *beggar* (someone who *begs*).

Sometimes you need to change the base word before you add the suffix so use the spelling activities to ensure you are confident with these *-er*, *-or*, and *-ar* words.

reporter A **reporter** is a person who investigates and reports or edits news stories.

fighter A trained **fighter** in Roman times was called a gladiator.

watcher The **watcher** guarded the town.

writer She is a skillful **writer** .

listener My friend, Katy, is a good **listener** .

calculator Did you use a **calculator** for that equation?

conductor The orchestra watched the **conductor** carefully.

doctor The **doctor** gave me some very wise counsel.

editor The film **editor** chooses the best shots.

author Her aim in life was to become a great **author** .

regular I'd like a **regular** coffee please.

popular A **popular** type of nut is the cashew nut.

similar Our house is a **similar** design to yours.

beggar The **beggar** is penniless.

