



Sufficient Suffixes - Four in a row

Teachers' notes

This connect four game is designed so that more words can be added. The basic principle behind designing the game board is to put the least frequent suffixes in the centre and the more common towards the outside. This increases the difficulty of the game, but of course if you want to make it easier then you can readjust the suffixes on the board.

Please send us more words to add to the cards.

We're planning some more games on roots and prefixes. We also have a Greek word detective game from Steve Cooke in Leicester.

The spare grid on page 1 is for pasting suffixes in other ways or producing more cards if you have not the time to put it on computer or you wish to experiment.

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Instructions

Play one against one or in two teams of two. Each team has a different coloured set of word cards.

Take turns to pick a card.

Is it a noun? Find a suffix on the board that will change it into a verb.

Is it a verb? Find a suffix on the board that will change it into a noun.

Is it an adjective? Find a suffix that will change it into a noun.

You may also find verbs that can be changed in adjectives.

The first team to get four cards in a row, vertically, diagonally or horizontally is the winner.

PS Use the record sheet to write down the words you create, and use a dictionary to check their spellings.

Record sheet

Names.....

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Verb changing to Noun		Noun changing to Verb	
Adjective changing to Noun	changing to	

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<i>-ness</i>	<i>-tion</i>	<i>-ity</i>
<i>-ity</i>	<i>no change</i>	<i>-tion</i>
<i>-ness</i>	<i>-ify</i>	<i>-ate</i>
<i>-able</i>	<i>-ment</i>	<i>-en</i>
<i>no change</i>	<i>-tion</i>	<i>-ness</i>
<i>-ise</i>	<i>-ment</i>	<i>-ity</i>

This is the left side of the game board - Glue to the right side and mount or laminate

<i>-ness</i>	<i>-ate</i>	<i>-en</i>
<i>-tion</i>	<i>-ness</i>	<i>-able</i>
<i>-th</i>	<i>-ment</i>	<i>-tion</i>
<i>-ify</i>	<i>-ise</i>	<i>-ity</i>
<i>-en</i>	<i>-ness</i>	<i>no change</i>
<i>-th</i>	<i>-ment</i>	<i>-en</i>

This is the right hand side of the game board -Glue to the left hand side and mount or laminate

Nouns

nation

horror

apology

elastic

length

hope

class

quantity

appetite

Cut these into cards and print in two colours. We've left you and your children space to add more words.

Adjectives

deaf

solid

dark

flat

mobile

straight

happy

simple

less

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Verbs

enjoy

govern

create

like

hope

grow

achieve

promote

reduce

enlarge

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