

# WorkER Words

Google slides for teaching multi-syllable words with the suffixes -er/-or  
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# What are Suffixes?

- Suffixes are small parts (or chunks) added to the ends of words.
- Adding suffixes often changes word meaning or usage and may change word spelling or pronunciation.
- Learning suffixes will help you read and spell longer words.
- Learning suffixes will help you recognize longer words you may have heard or already know!

# Most Common Suffixes

There are many suffixes in the English language. The eight slide sets focus on the most common (besides -s/es, -ed, -ing, -er/est) one at a time:

-ly	-er/-or	-ion
-able/-ible	-al/-ial	-y
-ment	-ful	

## Suffix -er/-or

- -er/-or are both vowel suffixes and form nouns
- -er/-or both mean “one who or that which”  
(driver=one who drives and actor=one who acts)
- adding -er forms more familiar words
- adding -or forms more academic words
- If the base word ends in silent e, it is dropped  
(ride+er=rider and create+or=creator).
- If the word has a short vowel sound, the final consonant is doubled (run+er=runner).

# Familiar School -er Words

(\*note dropped silent e and + before -er chunk)

<b>teach+er</b>	one who teaches
<b>learn+er</b>	one who learns
<b>help+er</b>	one who helps
<b>read+er</b>	one who reads
<b>writ+er*</b>	one who writes
<b>speak+er</b>	one who or that which speaks

# Alphabetical Familiar -er Words

(\*note dropped silent e and + before -er chunk)

<b>bak+er*</b>	one who bakes
<b>bank+er</b>	one who banks or works at a bank
<b>catch+er</b>	one who or that which catches
<b>count+er</b>	one who or that which counts
<b>danc+er*</b>	one who dances
<b>din+er*</b>	one who dines or a place to dine

# Alphabetical Familiar -er Words

(\*note dropped silent e and + before -er chunk)

<b>fight+er</b>	one who fights
<b>hang+er</b>	one who or that which hangs
<b>haul+er</b>	one who or that which hauls
<b>keep+er</b>	one who or that which keeps
<b>logg+er*</b>	one who logs
<b>mak+er*</b>	one who makes

# Alphabetical Familiar -er Words

Where do you chunk them?

<b>manager*</b>	one who manages
<b>miner*</b>	one who mines
<b>painter</b>	one who paints
<b>performer</b>	one who performs
<b>rancher</b>	one who ranches
<b>shipper*</b>	one who or that which ships

# Alphabetical Familiar -er Words

Where do you chunk them?

<b>skater*</b>	one who skates
<b>smoker*</b>	one who or that which smokes
<b>swimmer*</b>	one who or that which swims
<b>talker</b>	one who talks
<b>teller</b>	one who tells or works at a bank
<b>tracker</b>	one who or that which tracks

# Alphabetical Familiar -er Words

Where do you chunk them?

<b>tester</b>	one who or that which tests
<b>trainer</b>	one who trains
<b>trucker</b>	one who trucks
<b>washer</b>	one who or that which washes
<b>wiper*</b>	one who or that which wipes
<b>zipper*</b>	one that zips

# Alphabetical Academic -or Words

Where do you chunk them? What do they mean?

advise>advisor*	agitate>agitator*	benefact>benefactor
calculate>calculator*	collect>collector	contract>contractor
dictate>dictator*	edit>editor	govern>governor
impost>imposter	invent>inventor	legislate>legislator*

# Alphabetical Academic -or Words

Where do you chunk them? What do they mean?

narrate>narrator*	predict>predictor	profess>professor
protect>protector	radiate>radiator*	respirate>respirator*
senate>senator*	spectate>spectator*	supervise>supervisor*
survive>survivor*	translate>translator*	ventilate>ventilator*



**Can you think of other -er/-or words?  
Speak up or put them in the chat box.**

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# MATCHING ACTIVITY 1

<b>counter</b>	A one who or that which hangs
<b>diner</b>	B one who manages
<b>hanger</b>	C one who or that which counts
<b>logger</b>	D one who dines
<b>manager</b>	E one who logs

## MATCHING ACTIVITY 2

<b>performer</b>	F one who or that which wipes
<b>shipper</b>	G one who skates
<b>skater</b>	H one who or that which ships
<b>teller</b>	I one who performs
<b>wiper</b>	J one who tells or works at a bank

## MATCHING ACTIVITY 3

<b>advisor</b>	K one who legislates (makes laws)
<b>calculator</b>	L one who or that which collects
<b>collector</b>	M one who advises
<b>governor</b>	N one who or that which calculates
<b>legislator</b>	O one who governs (or leads)

# MATCHING ACTIVITY 4

<b>protector</b>	P one who has survived
<b>respirator</b>	Q that which ventilates (or blows air)
<b>senator</b>	R one who or that which protects
<b>survivor</b>	S one who is a member of the Senate
<b>ventilator</b>	T that which respirates (or filters air)

# WRITE TO READ ACTIVITY

Work with your teacher or a breakout group to write a text about one of the topics below. Use as many of the -er/or words as you can (some are new). Read the text aloud when you are done.

1. **Making a Job Choice (-er):** teacher, reader, writer, baker, banker, dancer, fighter, hauler, keeper, logger, miner, manager, painter, performer, rancher, shipper, skater, teller
2. **Working in Television (-or):** actor, advisor, author, collector, conductor, decorator, director, editor, inventor, narrator, projector, spectator, sponsor, translator