Spelling list: Examples of suffixes

In this list, we will look at how different suffixes change the meaning of the base word *help*. Suffixes are letters or groups of letters added to the end of a word that create new words with different meanings. For example, when we add -s to make *helps*, it means someone who provides assistance.

Next, we have *helping*, which describes the act of giving support or assistance. The word *helped* refers to someone who has received help, such as an injured hiker being *helped* to safety. Additionally, we see *helper*, which refers to a person who assists others.

We can also describe qualities related to help. For instance, *helpful* describes someone who likes to offer support, while *helpless* refers to a person who feels unable to help themselves. Other suffixes like *helpfully* and *helpfulness* express how help is given and its quality. Finally, *helplessness* describes the feeling of being unable to help, highlighting the emotional side of this word family. By looking at these examples, you can see how suffixes add to our vocabulary and make communication clearer.

helps Jack **helps** his sister to put on her coat.

helping I don't mind **helping** you.

helped The injured hiker was **helped** to safety.

helper Jane volunteered to be a **helper**.

helpful It can be **helpful** to massage your feet when they are tired.

helpless The sailors were **helpless** in the stormy weather.

helpfully She **helpfully** fixed the fault on my computer.

helpfulness Your **helpfulness** will be rewarded later.

helplessness I understand your feelings of **helplessness** at this sad time.