



Dear Parents,

This school year we've watched your child grow in spelling and language skills. One way your child's word experiences have grown is through an understanding of suffixes. Many words can be made simply by adding suffixes to a base word. That's exactly what's happening in this activity. Yet, there's more. This activity engages your child in idioms, or language expressions. We cannot take for granted that these common expressions are understood. Help your child interpret these sayings once the sentences are complete. Then be on the lookout for more idioms to discuss with your child.

Write a form of the word to finish each sentence.

Add ing:

- live He is _____ the life of Riley.
 make They are _____ a mountain out of a molehill.
 hit She will be _____ the books after dinner.
 try You're _____ my patience.

Add s, es, or change the y to i and add es:

- lunch There are no free _____.
 bridge Don't burn your _____.
 dress He _____ to the nines.
 fly Time _____.

Add ed:

- carry Don't get _____ away.
 pass He _____ the buck.
 drop They _____ out of the race.
 close She _____ the door on that plan.

Thank you for being an active member on your child's learning team! Every child a speller!