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-Ful and -Less, -Er and -Ness



What Is a Suffix?

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To Brendan, Connor and Molly
—B.P.C.

To Laurent, a good friend, too far away
—M.G.



Suffix:

A word part
added to the
end of a word or
root to change
its meaning

Suffixes are word parts
that are **tacked** on to a word.



You'll find a Suffix at the end
of **farmer** and **preferred**.



The **E-R** part of *farmer*
Speaks of someone who is *doing*.



like the **baker** who is **baking**



or the **viewer** who is **viewing**.

Names of jobs might end this way,
for certain words, like **teacher**,



painter,
skater,



banker, waiter,



Speaker, driver,

preacher.



The root word is the main word,
as in paint

or skate or teach.



The Suffix is the letters
that we see in back of each.



Both **E-D** and **I-N-G**
are suffixes you'll find





in words like danced
and dancing.



designing and designed.

T-I-O-N as a Suffix
Adds on to an *action*.



You'll find it in **deletion**,



celebration,

and **subtraction**.





o-u-s means "full of."

It's a suffix that can tell us



Word	Means: full of...
dangerous	danger
joyous	joy
zealous	zeal
anxious	anxiety
suspicious	suspicion
famous	fame

if people are **harmonious**
or **dangerous** or **zealous**.

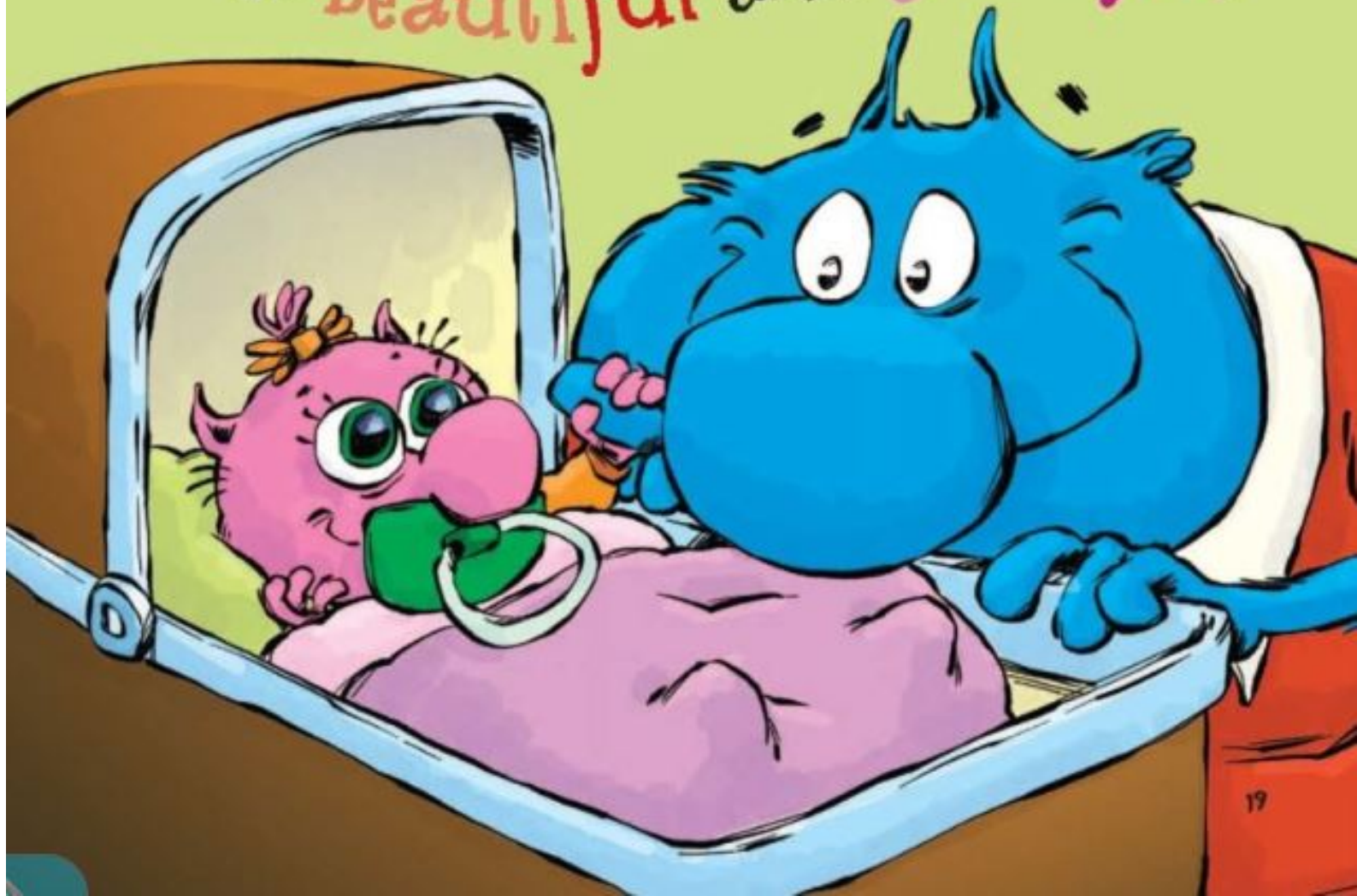
F-U-L means "full of" too,
like powerful or truthful.



colorful or painful,



a/sø beautiful and youthful!



When **L-Y** is the suffix,
it **typically** will tell





the way an *action* happens,
as in "quickly, loudly yell!"

Suffixes might tell us that
a thing or person's "able."



like "Good thing that's erasable."
She's writing on the table.



A green chalkboard menu with a wooden frame, hanging on a wall. The word "Menu" is written in cursive at the top. Below it, there are five items listed with their prices.

vegetable	\$1
meat	\$2
side	\$1
drink	\$1
total	\$5



N-E-S-S often shows
a certain quality.



Like awkwardness
and happiness
and kindness, to name three.



Suffixes are all around!
Just look and you will see



Words like Jewish,
backward, bluish,
fastest, slippery,



hairy, scary,
voluntary,



neighborhood, advisement,



fearless, tearless, painful (ouch!),

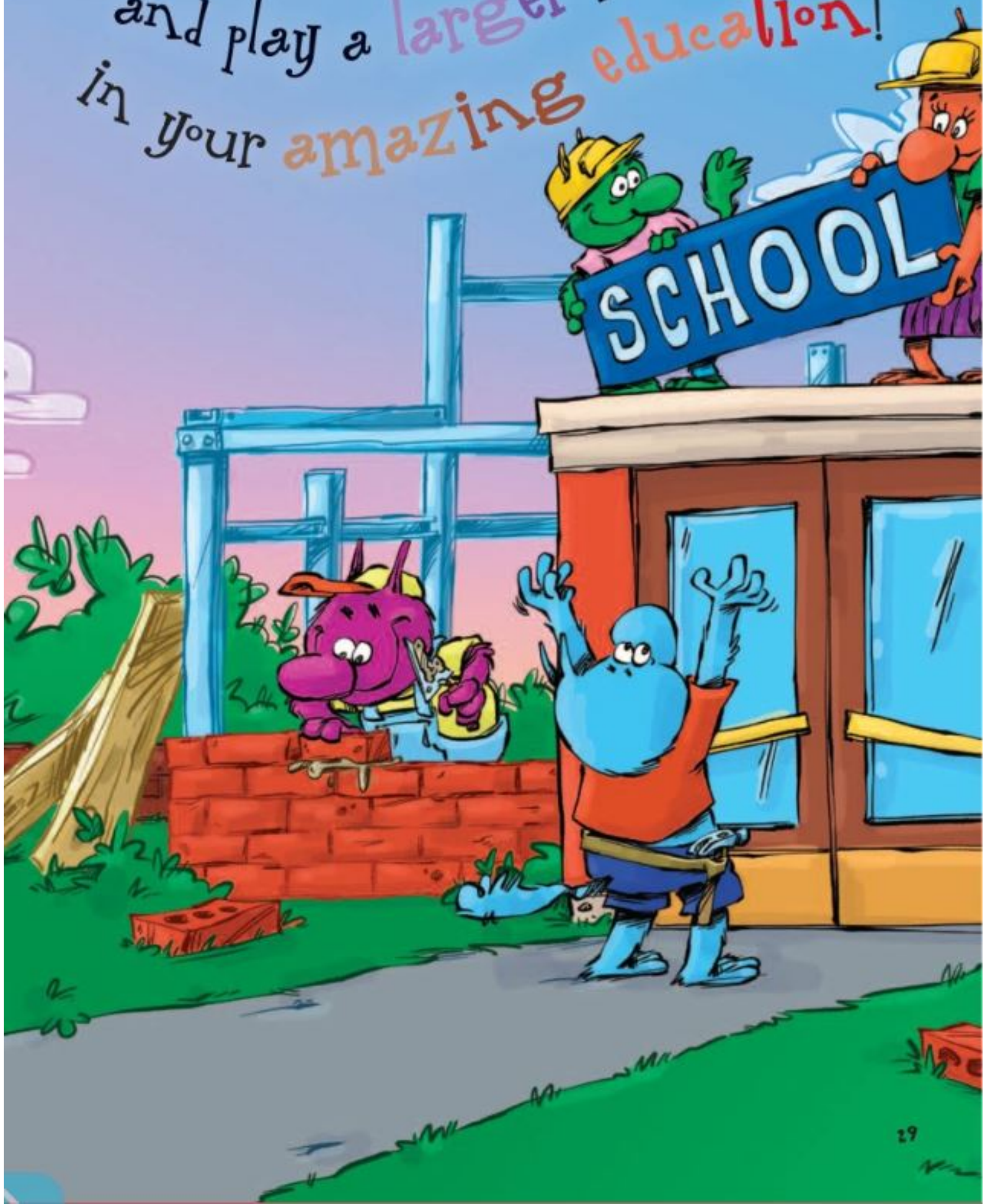


creation, advertisement.

Knowing lots of these can build
an excellent foundation—



and play a larger role
in your amazing education!



So what is a Suffix?

Do you know?



SUFFIX	MEANING	EXAMPLE
-able	able to be	doable
-al	relating to; having to do with	herbal
-ary	of or relating to	secondary
-ed	past tense	transported
-er	a person who does an action	developer, reader
-er	more	browner, faster
-est	most	greatest
-ful	full of	useful, delightful
-hood	state, quality, or condition	childhood
-ing	action	singing
-ish	like or relating to	greenish, foolish
-ist	a person who does an action	artist
-ize	to cause or become	categorize, fantasize
-less	without	fearless
-ly	in a certain way	coldly, hungrily
-ment	action	movement
-ness	state or quality	shyness
-ous	full of	disastrous
-s	plural; more than one of	dolphins
-sion	state or quality	confusion
-tion	state or quality	complication
-y	made up of; characterized by	cheery



