

Parent Guide to the "

# **Conventional Spelling and Suffixes**

# Today's Standard

3.L.2e - Use conventional spelling for high-frequency and other studied words and for adding suffixes to base words (e.g., sitting, smiled, cries, happiness).

# Real-World Applications for this Standard

Writing letters or emails with correct spelling; Reading and spelling high-frequency words correctly in stories; Using correct spelling in class assignments and projects; Creating word lists with correctly spelled words and their suffixes; Playing spelling games that focus on high-frequency words and suffixes

### Today I Learned

Today I learned how to spell high-frequency words and how to add suffixes to base words correctly.

## **Common Stumbling Blocks**

Some kids think all words ending in 'y' change to 'ies' when adding a suffix, but that's not always true. Others think all suffixes are added the same way, which isn't correct.

#### Quiz Me

- What is a high-frequency word?
- Can you spell 'sitting'?
- What do you add to 'smile' to make it past tense?
- How do you spell 'cries'?
- What suffix do you add to 'happy' to make 'happiness'?

#### Help Me

We use spelling rules to write words correctly. For example, when we add 'ing' to 'sit', it becomes 'sitting'. This helps us write and read better.