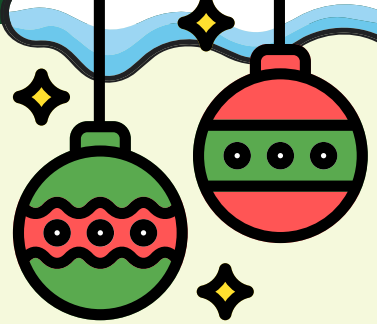
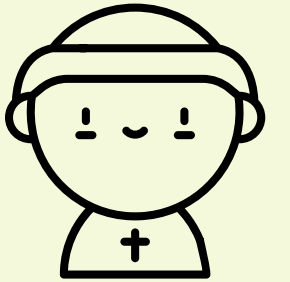

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snow

"semi-frozen flakes"

The word **snow** comes from the Old English word **snāw**, which meant exactly the same thing!

But did you know that words for **snow** in other languages can look and sound surprisingly similar?

German: Schnee

Dutch: sneeuw

Swedish: snö

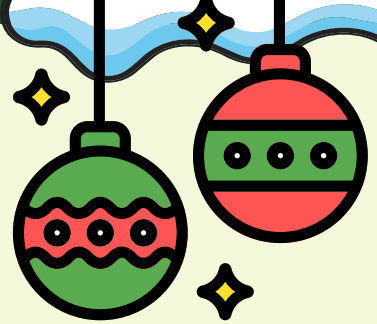
Norwegian: snø

These words share a common ancestor in an ancient language called **Proto-Indo-European**, spoken thousands of years ago. The words changed in different languages over time, but we can see that they shared a history.





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Let's read some sentences containing base **snow**.



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Thick **snow** covered the rooftops overnight.

The mountain peaks were covered in **snow**, even during the summer.

The weather forecast warned that heavy **snow** could make the roads dangerous.

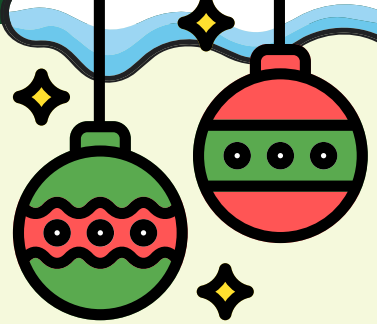
The **snow** sparkled in the winter sunshine.

Can you use the word snow in a sentence?





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What suffixing rules do we need to think about when we build words using base **snow**?

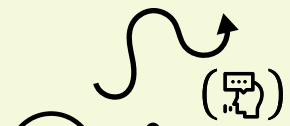


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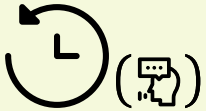


+ ing = _____

"continuing, or present participles"



snow "semi-frozen flakes"



+ ed = _____

"past simple tense verbs or past participles"





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We can just add the suffix when spelling with base **snow**.



snow "semi-frozen flakes" + **ing** "continuing, or present participles" = **snowing**

snow "semi-frozen flakes" + **ed** "past simple tense verbs or past participles" = **snowed**



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We never double a **w**, **x**, **y** or **z**, so we can just add the suffix.



snow + **ing** = snowing

"semi-frozen flakes"

"continuing, or present participles"



snow + **ed** = snowed

"semi-frozen flakes"

"past simple tense verbs or past participles"





Use the matrix to build different words using base **snow**.

Talk about your new words with your partner.

Turn to the next slide for a simpler matrix to work with.

snow "semi-frozen flakes"	**ball** spherical object **drift** movement of act of driving **drop** small, spherical mass of liquid **flake** flat piece or particle **plough** machine for digging up and turning over **shoe** foot covering **storm** tempest, conflict or battle **suit** set of matching clothes	2+ **s** more than one or present simple tense
	board thin plank of wood	**er** one who or something that 2+ **s** more than one or present simple tense **ing** continuing, or present participles 2+ **s** more than one or present simple tense
	ed past simple tense verbs or past participles **fall** move downwards or drop **ing** continuing, or present participles **man** adult human male or person **men** more than one adult human male or person 2+ **s** more than one or present simple tense	
	y describing	**er** more (comparative) **est** most (superlative)

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