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light

"brightness, illumination or radiation"

Look at this denotation for base **light**.

What does the word **illumination** mean?

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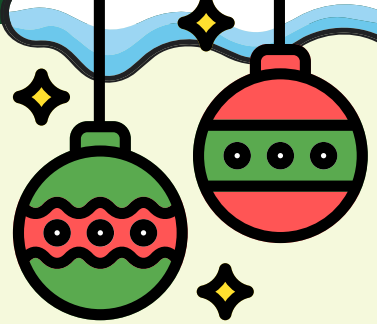





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At Christmas, we see **light** everywhere! The word **light** comes from the Old English word **lēoht**, meaning "**brightness**". Its history goes back thousands of years to an ancient word connected to shining and being bright.



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But did you know that we have another word **light**, meaning "**nimble or not heavy**"?

Surprisingly, this word also comes from Old English, where it was spelt **lēoht**, but it has a completely different ancient origin!

Over thousands of years, these two words developed from different ancestors, but ended up with the same spelling and pronunciation.

Can you think of a sentence for each meaning of light?

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

As the Sun began to rise, the first **light** of morning appeared over the hills.

The parcel was surprisingly **light**, so she could carry it with one hand.

The warm **light** from the candles filled the room with a golden glow.

Although the suitcase looked enormous, it was actually very **light**.

Which base light can you spot in each sentence?

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Let's focus on base **light**, meaning "**brightness, illumination or radiation**". What suffixing rules do we need to think about when we build words using base **light**?

light + **ness** = _____

"brightness, illumination or radiation" + "how something feels or is"

light + **est** = _____

"brightness, illumination or radiation" + "most (superlative)"

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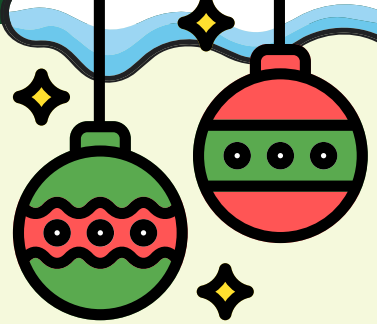



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We can just add the suffix when spelling with base **light**.



light "brightness, illumination or radiation" +  **ness** "how something feels or is" = **lightness**



light "brightness, illumination or radiation" +  **est** "most (superlative)" = **lightest**



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Use the matrix to build different words using base **light**. Talk about your new words with your partner.

Think about your suffixing rules!

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

day single rotation of a planet **en** in, cause or make **fire** burning or flame **head** top, upper end, chief or leader **high** being above or greater than others **moon** natural object that travels around a planet **sky** area above us where we see clouds **spot** speck, blot, patch or mark **star** celestial body **sun** star around which the Earth orbits **torch** light carried in the hand **twi** two or double	**light** "brightness, illumination or radiation"	**ed** past simple tense verbs or past participles **er** more (comparative) **est** most (superlative) **ing** continuing, or present participles **ly** how **ness** how something feels or is **s** more than one or present simple tense
cand shine **le** something that or a smaller version		**en** make or made of **ed** past simple tense verbs or past participles **ing** continuing, or present participles **ment** something that happens or is done when **s** more than one or present simple tense
		er one who or something that **s** more than one or present simple tense
		house shelter or residence **es** more than one or present simple tense

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fire burning or flame		**est** most (superlative)
moon natural object that travels around a planet		**ing** continuing, or present participles
sky area above us where we see clouds		**ly** how
star celestial body		**ness** how something feels or is
sun star around which the Earth orbits		2+ **s** more than one or present simple tense
		house shelter or residence
		2+ **es** more than one or present simple tense