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angel

"messenger"

The word **angel** comes from the ancient Greek word **angelos**, meaning "**messenger**". It travelled into English through Latin and Old English.

In the Christian Nativity story, **angels** are messengers who bring important news, including the announcement of Jesus's birth!

Today, we can also use the word **angel** to describe someone who is especially kind or good.

The word **angel** is a free base, which means it can stand alone as a word in English.

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



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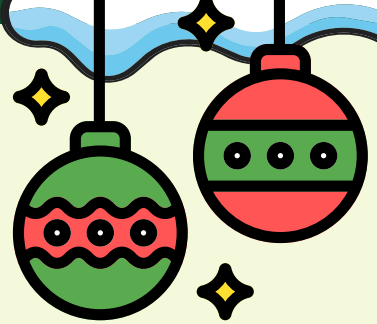
The little girl dressed as an **angel** for the school Christmas play.

My grandmother calls me her little **angel** whenever I help her in the garden.

The artist painted a beautiful **angel** with golden wings on the ceiling.

Can you use the word angel in a sentence?





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



angel ⊕ 2+ (⊕) **s** = _____

"messenger" "more than one or present simple tense"



angel ⊕  **ic** = _____

"messenger" "related to or like"





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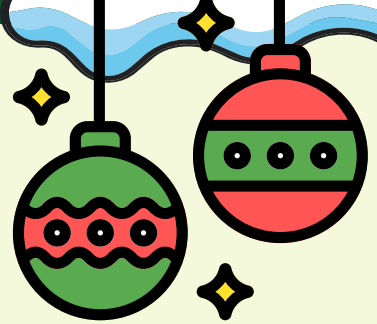





How did you do?

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angel + **s** = **angels**

"messenger" — 2+ — "more than one or present simple tense"

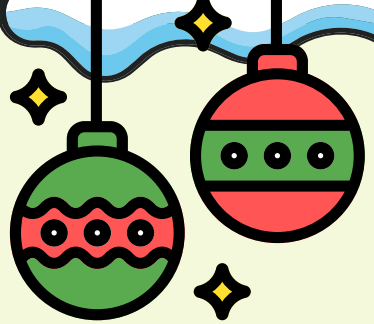


angel + **ic** = **angelic**

"messenger" — "related to or like"









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angel + **ic** = **angelic**

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You might have thought that we need to double the final consonant in base **angel** when adding the vowel suffix **-ic**, because it ends in a CVC pattern.

However, the word **angelic** was borrowed from Old French, so its spelling wasn't formed using English suffixing rules!

Even so, we can still recognise the base **angel** and suffix **-ic** in its structure today!





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

angel "messenger"	2+ **s** more than one or present simple tense		
	ic related to or like	**al** action, process or related to	**ly** how

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