



## ***Read Write Inc. Spelling 2B***

### **Unit 7: Adding the suffix **-ness** (2)**

#### **President Alpha**

Welcome Earthlings! You are about to enter the Spelling Zone.  
Our Star Speller for today is... Zeta!

#### **Zeta**

Hello again. I'm experiencing a bit of intergalactic dizziness today because I've been whizzing around in the space station to get here on time! Phew. I'm OK now though, and I have one of my special questions for you.

Does the suffix **-ness**, *ness*, begin with a vowel or a consonant?

Turn to your partner and then tell me.

**[Pause video]**

After three: one, two, three...

It's a consonant.

That means that for many words we can add the suffix **-ness**, without having to **swap**, **double** or **drop** any letters. Say these words with me.

root word	root word + suffix <b>-ness</b>
kind	kind <b>ness</b>
ill	ill <b>ness</b>
good	good <b>ness</b>

It is a bit trickier though if the last letter of the root word ends in a consonant + **y**.

Let's play My turn/Your turn to say these words:



silly  
cheeky  
giddy  
dizzy  
chatty

Before we can add **-ness** to these words we have to **swap** the **y** for an **i**. Like this:

silly silliness  
cheeky cheekiness  
dizzy dizziness

Let's play My turn/Your turn to say the new words.

silly silliness  
dizzy dizziness  
chatty chattiness  
cheeky cheekiness

Remember my tip?

When we say these words aloud we cannot really hear the **e** in **-ness**. To help you to spell these words, say the suffix **-n-e-s-s**, **ness**, to rhyme with yes.

I hope that helps. Time for me to go now. Goodbye!

## President Alpha

You are about to leave the Spelling Zone. Take your new spelling knowledge with you. Goodbye, Earthlings...