

How Far Ish Goes

Ish - Grade 1 - Short lesson

TIME

OBJECTIVE

PRODUCT

18 minutes Follow the word ish through the book and say what it means each A word ladder, then two words of time it grows. your own Essential question: How much can you do with three letters on the end of a word?

Materials	Text to mark
• The book	• Passage 10 - one drawing, taped up and still creased
• One word ladder each	• Passage 12 - drawings sweeping up off the page

- Prepared passages: Passage 10, Passage 12, Passage 16, Passage 18

Lesson sequence

1 Launch - 3 min

- Passage 16 - a sheet of paper with almost nothing on it
- Passage 18 - the last page

Focus:	An ending you can stick on anything
Teacher direction:	Say vase-ish out loud and ask the class what the ish is doing to the word. Then try it on things in the room - chair-ish, blue-ish, round-ish - and let them hear that it works on almost anything.
Prepared text:	Passage 10 2 Teacher model - 5 min
Teacher model:	I follow the word through the book. It starts as vase-ish, which is about a drawing. Then Ramon is thinking ish-ly, which is about how he works. Then it is ish art and ish writing and poem-ish poems, which are kinds of thing. And on the last page he lives ishfully, which is about a whole life. The book has taken a small ending and made it bigger every time.

Prepared text:	Passage 10, Passage 12, Passage 18 3 Follow the word - 10 min
Focus:	From a drawing to a whole life
Teacher direction:	Using Passages 10, 12, 16 and 18, write down each way the book uses ish, in order, and what it is describing each time.
Expected answer:	First it is vase-ish, printed with the ending in capitals, and it describes one drawing that does not look like the thing it was meant to be. Then Ramon is thinking ish-ly, with a hyphen, and that describes not a drawing but a way of working - loosely, quickly, without worry. Then there is ish art and ish writing, and poems he knows are poem-ish, so it has become a kind of thing you can make. And on the last page he lives ishfully ever after, which is not about drawing at all. The ending stays the same and what it is attached to keeps getting bigger.
Student product:	A word ladder: the word, and what it describes
Prepared text:	Passage 10, Passage 12, Passage 16, Passage 18

Support & extension

Above: The book says one feeling was beyond even ish words. Explain what that tells you about how much the word can do.

Below: Build the ladder in order, then write two ish words of your own.

Assessment

- Says vase-ish describes a drawing that is nearly a vase
- Says ish-ly describes how Ramon draws
- Says poem-ish describes his writing
- Says ishfully describes how he lives
- Makes an ish word and explains it