

## Word Detective (Suffix Song) by Melissa Corbett

Chorus: You can be a word detective  
when other people seem confused.  
Look at the end of the word for meaning.  
Suffixes can be your clues.

Verse 1: Er, or, and ist mean "one who does."  
An artist is one who does art.  
A teacher is the one who teaches.  
A sailor can sail near or far.

Musical means pertaining to music.  
Joyous - to describe like joy.  
Careless means without caring.  
Boyish - having qualities of boys.  
(chorus)

Verse 2: Beautiful means full of beauty.  
Sharpen means to become sharp.  
Argument is the condition of arguing.  
A harpist, one who plays the harp.

Ness, tion, and ship mean "the state of being."  
Kindness - the state of being kind.  
Friendship is the state of being friends.  
Determination's a determined mind.  
(chorus)