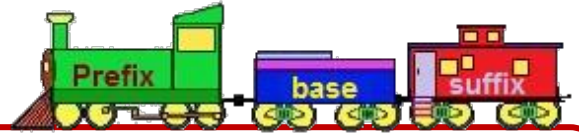


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Suffixes: -able -ment -ness



A suffix is a word part that is added to the end of a base word. A suffix usually changes the meaning of the word.

Examples:

The suffix **-able** means "able to be."

The suffix **-ment** means "the act of."

The suffix **-ness** means "being."

pass + able = passable (able to pass)

move + ment = movement (the act of moving)

kind + ness = kindness (being kind)

Circle the correct suffix to go with each base word. Then use the new word in a sentence.

1. **depend** -able -ment -ness Sentence: _____

2. **sad** -able -ment -ness Sentence: _____

3. **amaze** -able -ment -ness Sentence: _____

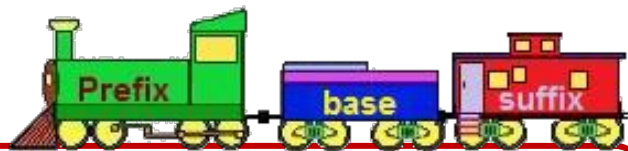
4. **manage** -able -ment -ness Sentence: _____

5. **soft** -able -ment -ness Sentence: _____

6. **accept** -able -ment -ness Sentence: _____

Suffixes:

Silent "e" Rule



Sometimes the base word must change when a suffix is added.

Silent "e" Rule

When a base word ends with a silent "e" and the suffix begins with a vowel, leave the "e" out.

Examples:

like + ing = liking
tame + able = tamable
wide + est = widest

A. Underline the silent "e" in each base word. Then add the suffix in parentheses to make a new word. Be sure to apply the silent "e" rule!

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| 1. ride (-ing) _____ | 5. ripe (-est) _____ |
| 2. rate (-ed) _____ | 6. joke (-er) _____ |
| 3. store (-able) _____ | 7. state (-ed) _____ |
| 4. fame (-ous) _____ | 8. tune (-ing) _____ |

B. Underline the silent "e" in each base word. Then add the suffix in parentheses to make a new word. Remember, you do not need to apply the silent "e" rule if the suffix begins with a consonant.

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| 1. slide (-ing) _____ | 6. trade (-able) _____ |
| 2. pride (-ful) _____ | 7. cute (-ness) _____ |
| 3. take (-er) _____ | 8. blame (-less) _____ |
| 4. smoke (-less) _____ | 9. state (-ment) _____ |
| 5. place (-ed) _____ | 10. ice (-ing) _____ |

C. Write four more silent "e" words that end with the *-ing* suffix. You may not use any words from this page.

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| 1. _____ | 3. _____ |
| 2. _____ | 4. _____ |