Suffixes

Suffixes are the letters you add to the end of words. Sometimes you have to change the spelling of the word when you add a suffix and sometimes you don't.

1. Write out the suffix of each of these words.

    poisonous ➡ ....   **lively** ➡ ....

    careless ➡ ....   **cheerful** ➡ ....

2. Draw lines to match the correct suffix to the following words.

    (ous)   (er)   (less)   (ate)   (ly)

    | perform | | danger | | fabric | | faith | | stupid |

3. Complete the sentences below by adding '**ate**', '**ise**' or '**ify**' to each word to make a verb.

    She wanted to advert.............. the house in the magazine.

    I had to valid.............. the ticket to claim my prize frog.

    Sadly, we didn't class.............. for the elite skipping squad.

4. Add a suffix to each of these nouns to make an adjective, and then use the new word in a sentence.

    Don't forget — the spelling of the noun may need to change before you add the suffix.

    meaning + less ➡ ....*meaningless*..........

    The results of the science test are meaningless.

    practice + al ➡ ....

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    beauty + ful ➡ ....

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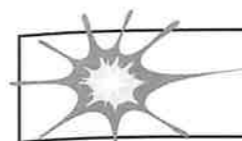
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5. Cross out the incorrect word in the sentences below.

    James felt so much (**oldest / older**) than everyone else.

    I was really (**struggled / struggling**) to get all my work done.

    The situation was (**hopeful / hopeless**) — we didn't have a chance of succeeding.

    She felt so much (**happiness / happily**) for the new parents.

6. Complete these sentences by adding a suffix to the word in brackets.

    Heather had always wanted to be ....*famous*.......... (fame) when she grew up.

    They found it hard to .... (motive) themselves after losing the match.

    There were .... (few) boys than girls in the class.

    Everyone received exactly the same ....(treat).

    He had to .... (apology) to Sara when he lost her cat.

    Water will .... (solid) if you put it in the freezer.

7. Complete the sentences below by adding a suffix from the box to each word to make a noun.

    ness   **er**   **ion**

    The personal train.............. told Vincent to do twenty sit-ups.

    Margaret was overwhelmed by Jonathan's kind..............

    Colin's confess.............. surprised his friends.

    Grammagators slurp down suffixes in one big gulp. How did you get on? Tick one of the boxes.