

Morphology Suffixes and Prefixes Workbook

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Rule

The suffix '-y' is often used to make adjectives from nouns. Sometimes, if a word ends in a consonant, the consonant is doubled before adding '-y'. This happens if the word is one syllable, has one vowel, and ends in a consonant. For example: sun to sunny.

Examples	
Examples: scare to scary	dust to dusty
Words to Practice	
rain	
fun	
hill	
luck	
thirst	
itch	
Underline the mor	ohemes in the following words
sunny	
cloudy	
itchy	
rainy	
lucky	



Rule

famous

The suffix '-ous' means 'having', or 'being full of'. Sometimes an 'i' is added before '-ous', especially when the base word ends in a consonant. For example: mystery to mysterious.

Examples	
Examples: joy to joyous mystery to mysterious	
Words to Practice	
fame	
envy	
danger	
glory	
ambition	
fury	
Underline the morphemes in the following words	
victorious	
spacious	
curious	
courageous	



Rule

The suffix '-ian/-an' means related to, belonging to, or coming from. It can also refer to someone who follows specific beliefs or specializes in something.

Examples

Examples: Jamaica to Jamaican music to musician
Words to Practice
magician
historian
librarian
comedian
politician
Underline the morphemes in the following words
guardian
republican
artisan
physician
comedian



Rule

The suffix '-ed/-ied' forms the past tense. If a verb ends in 'y', the 'y' changes to 'i' before adding '-ed'. For example: cry to cried.

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Examples: cry to cried study to studied	
Vords to Practice	
-y	
vorry	
narry	
eny	
pply	
dy	
Inderline the morphemes in the following words	
ried	
tudied	
urried	
ried	
vorried	



The prefix 'non' can mea	n 'not' or 'negative'.
Examples	
Examples: stick to nonstick	essential to nonessential
Words to Practice	
existent	
violent	
verbal	
smoker	
toxic	
Underline the morph	emes in the following words
nonexistent	
nonverbal	
nonsmoker	
nonstop	
nonprofit	



The prefix 'mis' can mean 'bad' or 'wrong'.

Examples	
Examples: take to mistake understand to misunderstand	
Words to Practice	
Words to Practice: trust	
judge	
spell	
lead	
manage	
match	
Underline the morphemes in the following words	
mishear	
misplace	
misjudge	
mislead	
mistrust	



The prefix 'anti' can mean 'opposite' or 'against'.

Examples	
Examples: bacterial to antibacterial	social to antisocial
Words to Practice	
freeze	
gravity	
virus	
war	
pollution	
Underline the morphemes	in the following words
antifreeze	
antigravity	
antibacterial	
antisocial	
antipollution	



Spelling Test
With a parent or teacher, test your spelling ability by writing down the words below:
scary
dusty
joyous
cried
nonstop
mishear
antigravity
hurried



Answer Sheet

Exercise 1: sunny, cloudy, itchy, rainy, lucky

Exercise 2: victorious, spacious, curious, courageous, famous

Exercise 3: guardian, republican, artisan, physician, comedian

Exercise 4: cried, studied, hurried, tried, worried

Exercise 5: nonexistent, nonverbal, nonsmoker, nonstop, nonprofit

Exercise 6: mishear, misplace, misjudge, mislead, mistrust

Exercise 7: antifreeze, antigravity, antibacterial, antisocial, antipollution