

Endings and Suffixes

Read and Say

READ the sentences.

SAY each bold word.

Basic

1. graceful
2. divided
3. advanced
4. privately
5. replacement
6. excitement
7. adorable
8. teasing
9. forgiveness
10. mileage
11. barely
12. forceful
13. scarcely
14. blaming
15. entirely
16. usable
17. sincerely
18. amusement
19. lifeless
20. changeable

A **graceful** dancer never moves clumsily.
 Have you **divided** the pie into four pieces?
 He moved up to the **advanced** tennis class.
 We planned the surprise party **privately**.
 We need a **replacement** for our old oven.
 The good news caused much **excitement**.
 I love my **adorable** puppy!
 Stop **teasing** me about my new haircut!
 I made a mistake and asked for **forgiveness**.
 Our car gets good **mileage** on long trips.
 With my sore foot, I can **barely** walk.
 A **forceful** wind knocked down our big tree.
 Mom can **scarcely** read without her glasses.
 I am not **blaming** you for being late.
 My bike was **entirely** buried in snow.
 Is the torn bag still **usable**?
 She was **sincerely** sorry for her error.
 The **amusement** park has two new rides.
 The colors in this old rug are **lifeless** and dull.
 This red is **changeable** in different lights.



Think and Write

Each word ends with a suffix or an ending. A **suffix** adds meaning.

divide + ed = **divided** grace + ful = **graceful**

- What happens to a base word ending with e when the ending or the suffix begins with a vowel? with a consonant? How are the Elephant Words different?

Write each Basic Word under the heading that tells what happens to a base word when a suffix or ending is added.

Final e Dropped

No Spelling Change

- Review**
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|----------------|----------------|
| 21. breathless | 23. valuable |
| 22. collapsed | 24. retirement |
| | 25. government |

- Challenge**
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| 26. coordinated | 28. consecutively |
| 27. disciplined | 29. silhouetted |
| | 30. refinement |

Independent Practice



Spelling Strategy

Remember that if a word ends with *e*, the *e* is usually dropped when a suffix or an ending beginning with a vowel is added. The *e* is usually not dropped when a suffix beginning with a consonant is added.

Word Analysis/Phonics Complete the exercises with Basic Words.

- 1–2. Write the two words with the [j] sound.
- 3–5. Write the three words with the [z] sound spelled *s*.
- 6–7. Write the two words that begin with the word part *re-* or *ex-*.

Vocabulary: Antonyms Write the Basic Word that is an **antonym**, or opposite, of each word.

8. clumsy
9. partly
10. weak
11. united
12. alive
13. dishonestly



Challenge Words Write the Challenge Word that matches each definition below. Use your Spelling Dictionary.

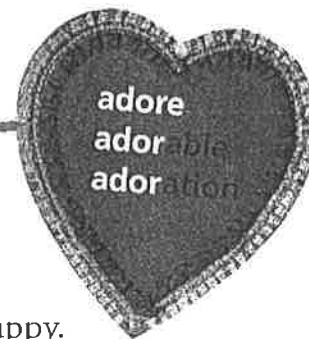
14. successively
15. improvement
16. working together efficiently
17. darkly outlined and filled in with a solid color
18. trained to behave in a controlled manner

Spelling-Meaning Connection

Can you see *adore* in *adorable* and *adoration*?

These words are related in spelling and meaning. **Think of this:** I *adore* the *adorable* puppy.

- 19–20. Write *adoration*. Then write the Basic Word that is related in spelling and meaning to *adoration*.



Expanding Vocabulary

Spelling Word Link

usable
graceful
excitement

Building Words with Endings and Suffixes You can build new words by adding different suffixes and endings to the same base word. You can also build new words by adding more than one suffix or ending. What spelling change occurs when *-able* is added to *use* and when *-ly* is added to *usable*?

use + **able** = usable + **ly** = usably

Build as many words as you can by adding suffixes and endings to *excite* and *grace*. Use your Spelling Dictionary.

-less -ness -ful -ly -able -ment -ing



Base Word	Base Word + 1 Ending or Suffix	Base Word + 2 Endings or Suffixes
excite	1.	4.
	2.	5.
	3.	9.
	6.	10.
	7.	11.
	8.	12.
grace		

Show You Know! Write four sentences, using a word that you built from *excite* or *grace* in each.

TRY TO
CHALLENGE

Real-World Connection

Performing Arts: Dance All the words in the box relate to dance. Look up these words in your Spelling Dictionary. Then write the words to complete this review.

Spelling Word Link

graceful

ballet
posture
leotard
jazz
recital
stamina
arch
limber

Marblehead Daily Record

Living Arts

Young Dancers Strut Their Stuff

The all-city dance (1) on Saturday night was a treat for all who attended. One of the best numbers was performed to the swinging rhythms of (2) by a dancer in a stretchy black (3). His movements showed how flexible and (4) he was. A young woman performed a dance from a (5) almost entirely on her toes. How strong the (6) of each foot must be! Other dances were equally good. All of the dancers had prepared well, concentrating on good (7) and building the physical (8) necessary for such a performance. The recital was a tribute to their hard work!

Try This Challenge

Yes or No? Write *yes* if the underlined word is used correctly. Write *no* if it is not.

9. William's bad posture gives him backaches.
10. The scenery for the dance show was made of limber.
11. Dancers go to recital two or three times a day.
12. Rob has the stamina to run a ten-mile race.

★ Fact File

In the musical comedy *Oklahoma!*, lively dances help tell the story. They were choreographed, or arranged, by Agnes de Mille, whose ballets often were based on American themes.

