



Suffixes

This worksheet helps a child to understand the types of suffixes along with their meaning

Suffix meaning: A suffix is added to the end of the root word to change the meaning of the word.

Part 1: Match the suffixes (Column A) with their meaning (Column B)

Column A

1. -able
2. -full
3. -less
4. -y
5. -ly
6. -s or -es
7. -ment
8. -er
9. -ness
10. -est
11. -ish
12. -tion
13. -hood
14. -ward
15. -ist

Column B

- more than
- adverb
- one who does
- action or state
- able to
- without
- full of
- adjective
- skilled in
- quality/ somewhat
- plurals of word
- noun from action
- collection
- direction
- superlative degree of adjective or adverbs

Part 2: Add suffixes to the root word to form new words

Root Word		Suffix		New Word
good	+	ness	=	goodness
men	+	tion	=	
child	+	hood	=	
help	+	less	=	
for	+	ward	=	
fine	+	est	=	
move	+	ment	=	
relate	+	able	=	

Part 3: Fill in the blanks using the new words formed by adding suffixes in part 2 of the worksheet.

1) It was a moment of supreme happiness.

2) Josh and Amber are _____ friends.

3) Amy's story is quite _____.

4) The Arion store keeps the _____ silks.

5) The truck is moving _____.

6) I forgot to _____ the name of the poet.

7) Sara was feeling _____.

8) A sudden _____ caught my eye.

Answers

Part 1:

- 1) Able-able to
- 2) full-more than
- 3) less-without
- 4) y-adjective
- 5) ly-adverb
- 6) s/es- plural
- 7) ment-action
- 8) er-one who does
- 9) ness-full of
- 10) est-superlative degree of adjective or adverb,
- 11) ish-quality/somewhat
- 12) tion-noun from action
- 13) hood-collection
- 14) ward-direction
- 15) ist-skilled in

Part 2:

- 1) happiness
- 2) mention
- 3) childhood
- 4) helpless
- 5) forward
- 6) finest
- 7) movement
- 8) relatable.

Part 3:

- 1) goodness
- 2) childhood
- 3) relatable
- 4) finest
- 5) forward
- 6) mention
- 7) helpless
- 8) movement