Suffixes

Use Knowledge of Word Roots and Affixes

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The suffix unit is made up of various activities which are followed by a check-up.

Introduction

Explain to your student that suffixes are letters added to the end of a word that change a word's meaning, its part of speech, or both.

Practice

Word Hunt—Invite your student to complete the word hunt activity on pages 134-135.

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Set 1: Introduction

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Set 1: Noun suffixes that mean "one who"

Read the information about the featured words in bold type. Then create a sentence using each word in bold and write it on another sheet of paper. Use a dictionary if needed.

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1. **serve**—*verb*
   servant—*noun*, one who serves

2. **immigrate**—*verb*
   immigrant—*noun*, one who immigrates

3. **merchandise**—*verb*
   merchant—*noun*, one who buys merchandise at wholesale to sell for profit

-arian

1. **library**—*noun*
   librarian—*noun*, one who works in a library

2. **human**—*noun*
   humanitarian—*noun*, one who is interested in human welfare

3. **liberty**—*noun*
   libertarian—*noun*, one who believes in liberty

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-ent

1. **superintend**—*verb*
   superintendent—*noun*, one who superintends

2. **reside**—*verb*
   resident—*noun*, one who resides

3. **regency**—*noun*
   regent—*noun*, one who serves on a board of an institution

-ier, yer

1. **cash**—*verb, noun*
   cashier—*noun*, one who handles business transactions

2. **finance**—*verb*
   financier—*noun*, one who finances

3. **gondola**—*noun*
   gondolier—*noun*, one who operates a gondola

3. **law**—*noun*
   lawyer—*noun*, one who practices law

-wright

1. **play**—*noun*
   playwright—*noun*, one who writes plays

2. **ship**—*noun, verb*
   shipwright—*noun*, one who builds and repairs ships

3. **wheel**—*noun, verb*
   wheelwright—*noun*, one who builds and repairs wheels

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Set 2: Noun suffixes that mean "small"

-et

1. **midget**—*noun,* an extremely small person
2. **sonnet**—*noun,* a 14-line poem
3. **bassinet**—*noun,* a basketlike bed for an infant
4. **cygnet**—*noun,* a young swan

-let

1. **owlet**—*noun,* a young owl
2. **rivulet**—*noun,* a small stream
3. **starlet**—*noun,* a small star
4. **leaflet**—*noun,* a small leaf
5. **islet**—*noun,* a small island

-ling

1. **duckling**—*noun,* a small duck
2. **yearling**—*noun,* an animal that is one year old
3. **suckling**—*noun,* a young mammal that is not weaned
4. **fledgling**—*noun,* a young bird with newly acquired flight feathers

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Set 3: Noun suffixes that mean "a place for"

-arium

1. **aquarium**—*noun,* a tank for fish
2. **planetarium**—*noun,* a building that contains a projection of celestial bodies on the inside of a dome
3. **solarium**—*noun,* a room exposed to the sun

-ory

1. **laboratory**—*noun,* a place where research is conducted
2. **conservatory**—*noun,* a glass-enclosed room where plants are grown
3. **purgatory**—*noun,* a place where souls in grace must atone for their sins

Set 4: Noun suffix that means "female"

-ine

1. **heroine**—*noun,* a female hero
2. **Josephine**—*proper noun,* the female version of the name Joseph
3. **Pauline**—*proper noun,* the female version of Paul

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Set 5: Noun suffix that means "object of action"

-ee

1. **employee**—*noun,* a person who works for another for payment
2. **lessee**—*noun,* a person who signs a lease
3. **payee**—*noun,* a person to whom money is paid

Set 6: Noun suffixes that means "action or process"

-er

1. **murder**—*noun,* the killing of one human by another
2. **thunder**—*noun,* the sound heard after a flash of lightning
3. **waiver**—*noun,* the surrender of a right or claim

-ure

1. **censure**—*noun,* an expression of disapproval
2. **enclosure**—*noun,* something that contains
3. **exposure**—*noun,* the condition of having protection taken away

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Adjective suffixes

Set 7: Adjective suffixes that mean "relating to"

-ary

1. **honorary**—relating to honor
2. **military**—relating to the militia
3. **literary**—relating to literature

-esque

1. **statuesque**— In the style of or resembling to a statute
2. **picturesque**—In the style of or resembling to a picture
3. **Romanesque**— In the style of or resembling the Romans

-etic

1. **alphabetic**—relating to the alphabet
2. **dietetic**—relating to diet
3. **frenetic**—relating to frenzy

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-ic

1. **comic**—relating to comedy
2. **historic**—relating to history
3. **poetic**—relating to poetry
4. **public**—relating to the populace

-ular

1. **granular**—relating to granules
2. **cellular**—relating to cells
3. **circular**—relating to a circle
4. **popular**—relating to the populace

Set 8: Adjective suffixes that mean "inclined to"

-acious

1. **loquacious**—inclined to be talkative
2. **mendacious**—inclined to deceive
3. **audacious**—inclined to be bold
4. **fallacious**—inclined to deceive or mislead

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-ant

1. **vigilant**—inclined to vigilance
2. **pleasant**—inclined to please
3. **defiant**—inclined to defy
4. **bouyant**—inclined to buoyancy

Set 9: Adjective suffixes that mean "state or quality of"

-ese

1. **Japanese**—quality of Japan
2. **Chinese**—quality of China

-ile

1. **agile**—the state of agility, the state of moving easily
2. **docile**—the state of docility, the state of being easily managed
2. **fragile**—the state of fragility, the state of being easily broken

-y

1. **fruity**—quality of fruit
2. **sunny**—quality of sun

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Suffix Review

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Use the suffixes on the right to complete the activity below. Not all suffixes will be used. The answers are hidden in the Word Hunt on the following page.

1. someone who works for pay _____
2. relating to diet _____
3. inclined to be talkative _____
4. one who writes plays _____
5. a place for fish _____
6. one who depends on another _____
7. a young owl _____
8. a female hero _____
9. one who serves _____
10. relating to cells _____
11. one who practices the law _____
12. relating to a statue _____
13. one who works in a library _____
14. relating to history _____
15. a very small person _____
16. the state of running _____
17. a place where research is conducted _____
18. relating to money _____
19. inclined to please _____
20. a young bird _____
21. the state of being easily broken _____

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Word Hunt

The hidden words for this word search are the correct answers for the activity on page 132.

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Fluency

The student will develop and demonstrate the ability to read aloud with fluency, accuracy, and proper pacing, intonation, and expression.

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Read Text Aloud with Fluency

One stop on the road to literacy…

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The Outcome

The student will read instructional level text aloud with fluency, accuracy, and appropriate pacing, intonation, and expression.

Why Go There?

Explain to your student that a good reader reads smoothly and expressively.

How To Get There

Materials: reading passages

Directions:

Model the importance of fluency for your student by choppily reading aloud a passage without expression.

Next, reread it with fluency and appropriate intonation and expression.

Then have your student practice fluency by first reading a passage silently to become familiar with the content (allow for more than one silent reading if needed).

Invite your student to read it aloud with fluency. Tape record his reading if possible and let him listen to himself.

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