

KS3 English Quiz - Suffixes 01 (Questions)

In English there are suffixes (letters or syllables added to the end of words) and prefixes (letters added to the beginning of words). Adding the suffix -ly is simple. Knowing when to add a suffix is important to make a sentence grammatically correct.

Admittedly, it would be improbable if every English word could be altered by the addition of a suffix. But, suffixes are certainly very common. The previous two sentences have used several, including -ed, -ly, -able and -tion. Suffixes allow the grammatical transformation of words. For example, "transform" is a verb. By adding -ation to it, we end up with "transformation", a noun. "Admit" is a verb. By adding the suffix -ed, we get "admitted", which is an adjective. If we then add -ly, we have an adverb, "admittedly". Language is impressively adaptable in this way!

This quiz requires you to recognise which grammatical classes of words belong in the blank spaces. In order to do this, you'll need to understand how suffixes work. Good luck!

There are three quizzes on suffixes - see if you can get full marks and become a suffix expert!

1. Choose the correct words to complete the following sentence.

The carpenter framed the pictures

- beautiful, proper
- beautiful, properly
- beautifully, proper
- beautifully, properly

2. Choose the correct words to complete the following sentence.

He prepared the wood and then glued it together

- thorough, careful
- thorough, carefully
- thoroughly, careful
- thoroughly, carefully

3. Choose the correct words to complete the following sentence.

She ran on stage but she danced

- hurried, graceful
- hurried, gracefully
- hurriedly, graceful
- hurriedly, gracefully

4. Choose the correct words to complete the following sentence.

Their mum arranged the flowers

- colourful, beautifully
- colourful, beautiful
- colourfully, beautifully
- colourfully, beautiful

5. Choose the correct words to complete the following sentence.

He taught the class well and they learned

- real, effectively
- real, effective
- really, effective
- really, effectively

6. Choose the correct words to complete the following sentence.

Using energy lowers your bills

- efficient, substantial
- efficient, substantially
- efficiently, substantial
- efficiently, substantially

7. Choose the correct words to complete the following sentence.

The player hit the ball and won the match

- powerful, easily
- powerful, easy
- powerfully, easily
- powerfully, easy

8. Choose the correct words to complete the following sentence.

The dog ran under the table to find the toy.

- quick, colourful
- quick, colourfully
- quickly, colourful
- quickly, colourfully

9. Choose the correct words to complete the following sentence.

The car chugged up the gradient of the hill.

- sluggish, steeply
- sluggishly, steep
- sluggishly, steeply
- sluggish, steep

10. Choose the correct words to complete the following sentence.

The band played in the restaurant.

- loud, dim-lit
- loud, dimly-lit
- loudly, dim-lit
- loudly, dimly-lit

KS3 English Quiz - Suffixes 01 (Answers)

1. Choose the correct words to complete the following sentence.

The carpenter framed the pictures

- beautiful, proper
- beautiful, properly
- beautifully, proper
- beautifully, properly

Add the suffix -ly to the original spelling of the word "proper"

2. Choose the correct words to complete the following sentence.

He prepared the wood and then glued it together

- thorough, careful
- thorough, carefully
- thoroughly, careful
- thoroughly, carefully

A suffix can change an adjective to an adverb. "Thorough" and "careful" are adjectives. "Thoroughly" and "carefully" are adverbs

3. Choose the correct words to complete the following sentence.

She ran on stage but she danced

- hurried, graceful
- hurried, gracefully
- hurriedly, graceful
- hurriedly, gracefully

"Gracefully" is an adverb; it answers *how* she danced

4. Choose the correct words to complete the following sentence.

Their mum arranged the flowers

- colourful, beautifully
- colourful, beautiful
- colourfully, beautifully
- colourfully, beautiful

"Colourful" is an adjective. "Beautifully" is an adverb

5. Choose the correct words to complete the following sentence.

He taught the class well and they learned

- real, effectively
- real, effective
- really, effective
- really, effectively

"Effectively" is an adverb created by adding the suffix -ly to the adjective "effective"

6. Choose the correct words to complete the following sentence.

Using energy lowers your bills

- efficient, substantial
- efficient, substantially
- efficiently, substantial
- efficiently, substantially

"Efficiently" and "substantially" are both adverbs answering *how*

7. Choose the correct words to complete the following sentence.

The player hit the ball and won the match

- powerful, easily
- powerful, easy
- powerfully, easily
- powerfully, easy

"Easy" changes its y to an i before adding the suffix -ly

8. Choose the correct words to complete the following sentence.

The dog ran under the table to find the toy.

- quick, colourful
- quick, colourfully
- quickly, colourful
- quickly, colourfully

"Quickly" is an adverb explaining *how* the dog ran

9. Choose the correct words to complete the following sentence.

The car chugged up the gradient of the hill.

- sluggish, steeply
- sluggishly, steep
- sluggishly, steeply
- sluggish, steep

"Slug" is a noun; "sluggish" is an adjective created by adding the suffix -ish to the word "slug"; "sluggishly" is an adverb created by adding the suffix -ly to the adjective "sluggish"

10. Choose the correct words to complete the following sentence.

The band played in the restaurant.

- loud, dim-lit
- loud, dimly-lit
- loudly, dim-lit
- loudly, dimly-lit

"Loudly" and "dimly" share the -ly suffix with many adverbs