

Name _____

Suffixes

Generalization Words with the suffixes **-er**, **-or**, **-ess**, and **-ist** often refer to people: swimmer, editor, actress, artist.

Word Sort Sort the list words by their suffixes.

-er

-ess

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| 1. _____ | 8. _____ |
| 2. _____ | 9. _____ |
| 3. _____ | 10. _____ |

-or

-ist

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| 4. _____ | 11. _____ |
| 5. _____ | 12. _____ |
| 6. _____ | 13. _____ |
| 7. _____ | 14. _____ |
| | 15. _____ |

Spelling Words

1. dentist
2. editor
3. artist
4. hostess
5. actress
6. swimmer
7. seller
8. tutor
9. tourist
10. organist
11. lioness
12. shipper
13. chemist
14. investor
15. conductor

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Home Activity Your child is learning to spell words with the suffixes **-er**, **-or**, **-ess**, and **-ist**. Have your child say each word and circle the suffixes.

Suffixes

Spelling Words				
dentist	editor	artist	hostess	actress
swimmer	seller	tutor	tourist	organist
lioness	shipper	chemist	investor	conductor

Word Search Puzzle Circle each of the job names in the puzzle. Look across, down, and diagonally.

Jobs
1. chemist
2. editor
3. dentist
4. seller
5. actress
6. conductor
7. tutor

a d a c t r e s s d m a
 c o t i c t e d s e d r
 c s e w o c u u i n e e
 h a c r n f v t h e n d
 e e d i t o r s o c t i
 m c u t i s t n e r i c
 i t s e l l e r g e s h
 s u d e t o r h d r t i
 t i s c o n d u c t o r

Hidden Words Cross out the first letter and then every third letter. Write the list word that is left. The first word is started for you.

- | | |
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| 8. i s w o i m l m e c r | 8. _____ |
| 9. o l i c o n m e s g s | 9. _____ |
| 10. a h o b s t r e s o s | 10. _____ |
| 11. p t o s u r w i s k t | 11. _____ |
| 12. r o r p g a p n i y s t | 12. _____ |

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Home Activity Your child has been learning to spell words with the suffixes *-er*, *-or*, *-ess*, and *-ist*. Pronounce some of the list words for your child to spell.

Name _____

Suffixes **-er, -or, -ess, -ist**

Directions Add the suffix to each base word. Write the new word on the line.

1. edit + -or = _____
2. art + -ist = _____
3. conduct + -or = _____
4. lion + -ess = _____
5. sell + -er = _____

Directions Write the word from the box that best fits each definition.

- _____ 6. a doctor who cares for your teeth
- _____ 7. one who ships packages
- _____ 8. one who directs
- _____ 9. a scientist in the field of chemistry
- _____ 10. a woman who greets restaurant guests

chemist
dentist
hostess
shipper
director

Directions Add the suffix **-er, -or, -ess, or -ist** to the base word in () to complete each sentence. Use the words in the box to help. Write the word on the line.

- _____ 11. Gertrude Ederle was the first woman (swim) to swim across the English Channel.
- _____ 12. Many thought her coach was the greatest swimming (instruct) in the world.
- _____ 13. After she became famous, Ederle was offered work as an (act), but she declined.
- _____ 14. Instead, she traveled as a (tour).
- _____ 15. Later, Ederle became a swimming (teach) for deaf children.

actress
instructor
swimmer
teacher
tourist

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Home Activity Your child formed and wrote words with the suffixes *-er, -or, -ess, and -ist*. Together, think of additional job-related words that end with *-er, -or, -ess, or -ist* (such as *doctor, countess, biologist, police officer*). Help your child write a paragraph explaining which jobs sound most interesting to him or her and why.

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swimmer	seller	tutor	tourist	organist
lioness	shipper	chemist	investor	conductor

Definitions Write a list word to name each person.

- | | |
|---|-----------|
| 1. a person who draws and paints | 1. _____ |
| 2. a person who takes care of teeth | 2. _____ |
| 3. a person who moves through water | 3. _____ |
| 4. a person who receives guests | 4. _____ |
| 5. a person who teaches | 5. _____ |
| 6. a person who works on books or magazines | 6. _____ |
| 7. a person who buys and sells stocks | 7. _____ |
| 8. a person who leads an orchestra | 8. _____ |
| 9. a person who plays an organ | 9. _____ |
| 10. a person who works with chemicals | 10. _____ |
| 11. a person who travels to new places | 11. _____ |

Rhymes Write the missing word. It rhymes with the underlined word.

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|---|-----------|
| 12. The _____ sent my sweater in a <u>zipper</u> bag. | 12. _____ |
| 13. He got a <u>propeller</u> from a model plane _____. | 13. _____ |
| 14. Did you see the <u>mess</u> the _____ left backstage? | 14. _____ |
| 15. The _____ eats <u>less</u> food than the lion. | 15. _____ |



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Proofread a Program Nick wrote the program for the school musical. Circle four misspelled words. Write them correctly. Add the missing punctuation mark.

The Cast

Mad chemist....Don Perlas
 The dentest.....Julie Blake
 The tourist.....Kate Hanson
 Music conductor....Steve Carr
 Scenery artist....Ann Morgan
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Frequently Misspelled Words
once
who
one

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

Proofread Words Circle the word that is spelled correctly. Write the word.

5. Jake was a ticket **seller** **sellor**. 5. _____
6. A **tudor** **tutor** helps Don with math. 6. _____
7. Jean is a fast **swimmer** **swimer**. 7. _____
8. The **organist** **organest** played softly. 8. _____
9. We thanked our **hostes** **hostess**. 9. _____
10. The **lioness** **liones** paced back and forth. 10. _____



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Directions Add the suffix **-er**, **-or**, **-ess**, or **-ist** to each base word. Write the new word on the line. (HINT: you may have to change the spelling of the base word.)

1. teach + -er = _____
2. invent + -or = _____
3. lion + -ess = _____
4. science + -ist = _____
5. write + -er = _____
6. actor + -ess = _____
7. type + -ist = _____
8. create + -or = _____

Directions Match one of the words in the box to each definition. Write the word on the line.

artist counselor empress speaker

9. person who speaks _____
10. person who creates art _____
11. female ruler of an empire _____
12. one who gives counsel _____



Home Activity Your child wrote words with the suffixes **-er** (*teacher*), **-or** (*visitor*), **-ess** (*lioness*), and **-ist** (*tourist*). Read an article about the bald eagle with your child. Have your child point out words with suffixes and tell you what they mean.