

Spelling Power

Lesson 10: Dropping the Final Silent e

Word Bank

coincidence	pursuing	diversity	radiating	legibly
reversal	narrator	ridiculous	notable	shiny

Key Concepts

- Drop a word's final silent e to add a suffix starting with a vowel.
debate + able = debatable
urge + ent = urgent
file + ing = filing
- Drop the e to add -y.
nose + y = nosy
- To add -ly to a word ending in /e/, usually drop the /e/.
able + ly = ably
- Exceptions to memorize:
mile + age = mileage
whole + ly = wholly

Spelling Practice

Choose the words from the Word Bank that combine the word roots and suffixes shown. Write your choices on the lines. After each word, write the number of the Key Concept that applies to it.

- note + able = _____
- coincide + ence = _____
- diverse + ity = _____
- ridicule + ous = _____
- reverse + al = _____
- narrate + or = _____
- shine + y = _____
- legible + ly = _____
- pursue + ing = _____
- radiate + ing = _____

Spelling in Context

Write the word from the Word Bank that best completes each sentence.

- _____ a dream, Robert Scott set off for the South Pole.
- Critics branded his quest _____, but he ignored them.
- He met each new _____ with courage.
- He recorded each day's struggles _____ in his journal.
- Scott was the final _____ of his own tragic tale.

LESSON 10 continued

Proofreading Practice

Read the paragraph below. Find the five misspelled words and circle them. Then, on the numbered lines, write the correct spelling for each circled word.

Every August thousands of shiney meteor trails streak the night sky. The Perseid meteor showers are a notable summer event. Meteors sometimes show surprising color diversity, ranging from red and orange to gold and green. The term *Perseid* refers to the constellation Perseus, from which the meteors appear to be radiateing. In fact, this appearance is only a coincidence. The falling stars are really part of the tail of a comet that orbits the sun.

1. _____ 3. _____ 5. _____
 2. _____ 4. _____

Spelling Application

Listed below are ten more word roots that reflect the Key Concepts you have learned. Add the endings shown. Write your new words on the lines and then circle them in the word maze.

adventurous	approval	confidence	futility	indicator
recognizable	rescuing	resolving	saucy	subtly

1. adventure + ous = _____ 6. recognize + able = _____
 2. approve + al = _____ 7. rescue + ing = _____
 3. confide + ence = _____ 8. resolve + ing = _____
 4. futile + ity = _____ 9. sauce + y = _____
 5. indicate + or = _____ 10. subtle + ly = _____

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 m d r e s o l v i n g l a
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 b t a d v f r i l v c r o
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