

Spelling Power

Lesson 10: Dropping the Final Silent e

Word Bank

confidence	imposing	intriguing	legislator	menacing
senator	juicy	comparably	doubly	wholly

Key Concepts

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

Spelling Practice

Choose the word from Word Bank that combines each word root and suffix. Write your choice on the line. Then write the number of the Key Concept that applies to your choice.

Example: nose + y = nosy, 2

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| 1. legislate + or = _____ | 6. whole + ly = _____ |
| 2. juice + y = _____ | 7. senate + or = _____ |
| 3. confide + ence = _____ | 8. comparable + ly = _____ |
| 4. intrigue + ing = _____ | 9. impose + ing = _____ |
| 5. menace + ing = _____ | 10. double + ly = _____ |

Spelling in Context

Write the word from the Word Bank that fits in each sentence.

1. Our St. Bernard is _____ preoccupied with food.
2. He likes nothing better than a _____ steak.

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3. Though he may look _____, he is still just a puppy.
4. He has a big appetite and a _____ big heart.
5. We think he looks dignified, so we named him _____ Sam.

Proofreading Practice

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

Patrick Henry did not think himself an imposing young man. His rural accent and his lack of money made him doubly self-conscious. However, he found the practice of law intriguing, so he worked on his speaking skills until he gained confidence. Soon he was elected as a legislator in the colony of Virginia. There his speeches electrified listeners. His famous words, "Give me liberty or give me death," have inspired generations of Americans.

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

Spelling Application

Put together the word roots and suffixes below to form eight more words that follow the patterns you have learned. Use the Key Concepts to spell each word correctly. Then, to check your spelling, find and circle each word in the word ribbon.

1. ample + ly = _____
2. endure + able = _____
3. intervene + ing = _____
4. liberate + or = _____
5. enhance + ed = _____
6. provide + ent = _____
7. seclude + ed = _____
8. thrive + ing = _____

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