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Serious about Suffixes

A suffix is a word part that is added to the back of a root or base word. It changes the meaning of the word.

-er --> one who
-less --> without
-ful --> full of

-ment --> the act of
-ed --> past tense
-ness --> being

*When a base/root word ends with an "e" and the suffix begins with a vowel, drop the "e".

Directions: Add the correct suffix to the end of the base word to make a new word.

1. Teach _____ **(er)**
2. Thank _____ **(ful) (ed)**
3. Embarrass _____ **(ment) (ed)**
4. End _____ **(less) (ed)**
5. Type _____ **(ed)**
6. Kind _____ **(ness)**
7. Bake _____ **(er) (ed)**
8. Effort _____ **(less)**
9. Punish _____ **(ment) (ed)**
10. Cheer _____ **(ful) (ed)**

Directions: Use the suffixes from the chart above to best complete the bold word in the sentences below.

1. The sky during sunset was so **color** _____ last night. I wish I had taken a picture! **(ful)**
2. I cleaned my room so well that my mom told me it was **spot** _____. **(less)**
3. Animals are able to see through the **dark** _____ at night when they are hunting. **(ness)**
4. The **dance** _____ practiced for many hours before the performance. **(er)**
5. When driving through traffic, the taxi driver was very **care** _____. **(ful)**