

Adding -er for Comparative Adjectives

WEEK 9

How many words can you build using the root words and suffixes below?

Suffixes

	<u>-ful</u>	-ness	-less	<u>-ment</u>
help				
care				
dark				
move				

Root words

Be careful, they don't all make real words!

Answer...

	<u>-ful</u>	-ness	-less	<u>-ment</u>
help	helpful		helpless	
care	careful		careless	
dark		darkness		
move				movement

Add -er to the words below to make them comparative.

kind

dry

dim

late

The comparative form is used to compare two nouns (people, places, or things) or to describe verbs (actions), or other adverbs (words that describe verbs).



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dry

dim

late

Answer:

kinder, dryer, dimmer, later

Choose the comparative words in the sentences below.

- ▶ The green monster was larger and uglier than anything the children had seen before. It was smellier than moldy cheese!

Answer...

- ▶ The green monster was **larger** and **uglier** than anything the children had seen before. It was **smellier** than moldy cheese!

Complete the table.

Base form	Comparative
cold	
	funnier
safe	

Answer...

Base form	Comparative
cold	colder
funny	funnier
safe	safer

True or false? The suffix has been added correctly to the word below.

fiter

Answer...

fiter

FALSE

The correct spelling is 'fitter'.

Reasoning

Nate thinks he has added -er correctly. Do you agree?

cute + -er = cuteer

Explain your reasoning.

Answer

Nate thinks he has added -er correctly. Do you agree?

cute + -er = cuteer

I disagree because you remove the last letter of 'cute' and add -er to make 'cuter'.

Application

Spot and correct the mistakes in the text below.

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I was shocked! My heart was beating **faster** than ever and my breathing was **heavier**. I knew an even **nastier** surprise was waiting for me.

Application

Choose an adjective from the word bank and add the suffix -er.

lucky

great

big

Now use it in a sentence.

Answer...

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lucky	great	big
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Now use it in a sentence.

Various answers, for example:

- * You were luckier than me.
- * Nine is greater than seven.
- * An elephant is bigger than a lion.