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## Roots and Suffixes

You can change the meaning or the usage of a word by adding a **suffix** at the end.

Suffix	Meaning
-able, -ible	can be done: ( <i>comfortable</i> )
-s, -es	more than one: ( <i>houses, boxes</i> )
-ing, -ed	-ing: <i>happening now (singing)</i> -ed: <i>in the past (walked)</i>
-er, -or	one who does something: ( <i>painter, actor</i> )

A. Write the correct suffix in the gap.

- The teach\_\_\_\_ (er, or) passed out the test paper\_\_\_\_ (s, es), hop\_\_\_\_ (ing, ed) the student\_\_\_\_ (s, es) were cap\_\_\_\_ (ible, able) of getting good marks.
- Although the rain cloud\_\_\_\_(s, es) were gathering, the carpent\_\_\_\_ (or, er) kept work\_\_\_\_ (ing, ed).
- Alex open\_\_\_\_ (ing, ed) the cupboards so the switch\_\_\_\_(s, es) were access\_\_\_\_ (able, ible).
- It is reason\_\_\_\_ (able, ible) to expect student\_\_\_\_(s, es) to be respons\_\_\_\_ (able, ible).
- The town may\_\_\_\_ (er, or) welcom\_\_\_\_ (ing, ed) the visit\_\_\_\_ (ers, ors).

B. Make four words from each **root word** below using the **suffixes** in the box.

-able   -ible   -s   -es   -ing   -ed   -er   -or

1. act	
2. farm	
3. open	
4. move	
5. work	

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Answers: Suffixes 2

A.

1. The teacher**er** passed out the test papers**s**, hoping the students**s** were capable of getting good marks.
2. Although the rain clouds**s** were gathering, the carpenter**er** kept working**ing**.
3. Alex opened**ed** the cupboards so the switches**es** were accessible**ible**.
4. It is reasonable**able** to expect students**s** to be responsible**ible**.
5. The town mayor**or** welcomed**ed** the visitors**s**.

B.

1. act	acts, acting, acted, actor
2. farm	farms, farming, farmed, farmer
3. open	opens, opening, opened, opener
4. move	movable, moves, moving, moved, mover
5. work	workable, works, working, worked, worker