

## Suffixes A

**16e.** When adding the suffix *-ly* or *-ness* to a word, do not change the spelling of the word itself.

**EXAMPLES** careful + ly = **carefully**      calm + ness = **calmness**

**EXCEPTIONS** For words that end in *y* and have more than one syllable, change the *y* to *i* before adding *-ly* or *-ness*.

merry + ly = **merrily**      busy + ness = **business**

**EXERCISE A** For each item below, add the suffix given to form a new word. Write the new word on the lines provided.

**Examples** 1. natural + ly =           *naturally*          

2. silly + ness =           *silliness*          

1. quick + ly = \_\_\_\_\_

2. open + ness = \_\_\_\_\_

3. rare + ly = \_\_\_\_\_

4. cheery + ly = \_\_\_\_\_

5. gritty + ness = \_\_\_\_\_

**EXERCISE B** Most of the following sentences contain a misspelled word ending in *-ly* or *-ness*. Cross out each misspelled word. Then, above it, write the word correctly. If a sentence contains no error, write C after the sentence.

**Example** 1. The weary traveler ~~resolutly~~ <sup>resolutely</sup> put one foot before the other.

6. Was this trek through the desert an act of pure crazyness, the traveler wondered.

7. The vastness of the desert was almost overwhelming.

8. The barrenness of the land was evident in the brownish tinge of the few surviving plants.

9. The sun shone hottly from above, evaporating all traces of moisture.

10. The driness of the soil prohibited seeds from germinating.

11. Prickly thorns protruded from various kinds of cactus.

12. The lone human traveler sought to ease his dizzyness with a few sips of precious water.

13. Lizards eyed the human intruder with waryness.

14. A far-off speck on the horizon gradually became clear as he approached it.

15. He could barly contain his happiness as he recognized the green of an oasis.