

Suffixes B

16f. Drop the final silent *e* before adding a suffix beginning with a vowel.

EXAMPLES age + ing = **aging** freeze + able = **freezable**

EXCEPTIONS Keep the final silent *e* in a word ending in *ce* or *ge* before adding a suffix beginning with *a* or *o* (as in *traceable*) and in the words *dyeing* and *mileage*.

16g. Keep the final silent *e* before adding a suffix beginning with a consonant.

EXAMPLES place + ment = placement face + less = faceless

EXCEPTIONS **ninth, truly, awful, argument, judgment, wholly**

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. move + able = movable

2. awe + ful = awful

1. grace + ful = _____

2. salvage + able = _____

3. dye + ing = _____

4. engage + ment = _____

5. saxophone + ist = _____

EXERCISE B Most of the following sentences contain a misspelled word. Cross out each misspelled word. Then, above it, write the word correctly. If a sentence is already correct, write C after it.

Example 1. I listened in fascination to Natalie's ~~narrateion~~^{narration} of the events.

6. Natalie and her friends had gone scuba diveing in clear, warm water.

7. They had gone only about ninty feet out from the shoreline.

8. Underwater, they watched a graceful manta ray swim by.

9. They examined a lovly, multicolored coral reef and other underwater sea life.

10. Hovering in the water a short distance away, a whiteish cloud of objects appeared.

11. Natalie immediately launched an investigateion of the mysterious white cloud.

12. Trained divers, Natalie and her friends knew they should approach carfully.

13. Moving closer, they saw that the "white cloud" was a mass of clear, floating objects.

14. The round, clear shapes became recognizeable; they were jellyfish!

15. Natalie and her friends immediatly swam quickly in the opposite direction.