

Suffixes

A **suffix** is added to the end of a word to form a new word with a different meaning. Not all words have a suffix.

Suffix	Meaning	Example	Meaning
-able	able to be	agreeable	able to be agreed upon
-ess	female	lioness	a female lion
-ion	the act of	ejection	act of being thrown out
-ible	able to be	flexible	able to bend easily
-ness	quality	kindness	the quality of being kind
-tion	the act of	addition	act of adding

Add a suffix to each word to make a new word to complete each sentence. You may use a suffix more than once.

Words

host	subtract	discuss
dark	shy	cartoon
wash	loud	comfort
adopt	lion	flex

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-tion	-ess
-ness	-able
-ible	-ion

- Are you _____ enough to compete in the local gymnastics competition?
- Because of her _____, Mary found it extremely stressful to make speeches.
- During reading class we had a _____ about the characters and their motivations in the book we had read.
- My girlfriend is a _____ at an Italian restaurant.

5. The _____ enjoyed drawing humorous animal characters in funny situations.
6. The _____ of the heavy rainfall and thunder kept me awake most of the night.
7. I played a game on the computer to help me learn _____ and multiplication facts.
8. The man walked out into the early morning _____ to go for his daily jog.
9. The salesman told us to sit on the couch to see if it was _____.
10. There are wonderful _____ dogs and cats at the animal shelter who need forever homes.
11. My mother decided to return the doggie bed to the pet store because it was not machine _____.
12. The _____ picked up the cubs in her mouth and carried them away from the danger.

Answers

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1. flexible
2. shyness
3. discussion
4. hostess
5. cartoonist
6. loudness
7. subtraction
8. darkness
9. comfortable
10. adoptable
11. washable
12. lioness