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Suffix Discovery Report Answer Key

Suffix words students should underline: colorful, peacefulness, protective, movement, endless, weakness, hopefulness

1. Answers will vary. Example: In **protective**, the suffix **-ive** means having the quality of protecting.
2. protective (habitat)
3. Scientists study movement to understand how fish travel through the reef environment.
4. The suffix **-less** in endless means without end or never stopping.

Teacher's Guide

- This worksheet helps students analyze **suffix clues** in nonfiction text to build vocabulary and infer meaning.
- Support emerging readers by previewing common suffixes together, such as **-ful**, **-ness**, **-ive**, **-less**, and **-ment**.
- Encourage on-level students to justify their answers using explicit suffix meanings like **full of**, **without**, or **state of**.
- For extension, invite students to highlight additional suffix words in a separate nonfiction article or write a short paragraph about reefs using at least four suffix words.