

Name _____

Suffix Shape-Up Answer Key

(Sample answers. Other correct suffix combinations that form real words are acceptable.)

1. careful or careless
Meaning: full of care or without care.
2. brightest
Meaning: the most bright.
3. quickly
Meaning: in a fast way.
4. helper or helpless
Meaning: a person who helps or unable to help.
5. warmer or warmest
Meaning: more warm or most warm.
6. bravely or braver
Meaning: in a brave way or more brave.
7. hopeful
Meaning: full of hope.
8. darkly or darker
Meaning: in a dark way or more dark.
9. louder or loudest
Meaning: more loud or most loud.
10. kindness or kindly
Meaning: in a kind way or showing kindness.
(Note: Accept kindly. Do not accept kindness because it does not use any suffix from the list.)

Teacher's Guide

- Begin by reviewing what a **suffix** is and how it changes a word's meaning. A quick chart showing each suffix and its general function can support understanding.
- Encourage students to try more than one suffix for each root word, then choose the best real word that fits common usage.
- For differentiation, give a smaller set of root words to students who need support, while advanced learners can generate their own additional root words.
- Have students share aloud how the meaning changed after adding a suffix, reinforcing their vocabulary reasoning.