

## The Word Evolution Essay Answer Key

### Possible Revision:

When scientists make a **discovery**, they often share an **explanation** of their work. This helps people gain a better **understanding** of how important the **discovery** really is. The team achieved a great **achievement** through careful **observation** and precise **measurement**. Their ability to show **creativity** demonstrates deep **thinking** and endless **curiosity**.

### Teacher's Guide:

- **Skill Focus:** This activity builds awareness of **derivational suffixes** and how they transform **base words** into new grammatical forms (verbs → nouns, adjectives → nouns, etc.), strengthening academic vocabulary and writing fluency.
- **Differentiation Tips:**
  - For younger or struggling learners, provide a **suffix chart** with examples (e.g., "-tion = action or process").
  - For older or advanced students, challenge them to apply transformations in **original academic paragraphs** on science or history topics.
- **Engagement Idea:** Turn it into a "Word Evolution Relay" where students take turns transforming base words from a shared paragraph on the board.
- **Extension Activities:**
  - Have students highlight all suffixes used and identify **part-of-speech changes**.
  - Encourage them to write a **mini-essay** (5-7 sentences) about a topic of interest, intentionally using at least **eight suffix-based words**.
  - Connect to **cross-curricular writing**, asking students to find and explain suffix-based academic words in their science or social studies readings.