

Climb The Suffix Tower Answer Key

1. act → actor → action → actionable
2. create → creation → creative → creativity
3. move → movement → moveable → movability
4. help → helpful → helpfulness → helpfully
5. friend → friendly → friendship → friendliness

Teacher's Guide:

- **Skill Focus:** Students explore **derivational suffixes** and how meaning and **part of speech** evolve as suffixes stack onto base words. This supports morphological understanding and vocabulary expansion.
- **Differentiation Tips:**
 - For younger students, begin with two-level pyramids (base + one suffix).
 - For advanced students, introduce **multiple suffix combinations** or have them justify how each new word's meaning changes.
- **Engagement Idea:** Create a "**Word Builder Challenge**" where students race to build the tallest, most logical word pyramid from a single base word.
- **Extension Activities:**
 - Have students write **short sentences** using each word form to show how context changes.
 - Encourage them to find other base words that can climb to three or four levels.
 - Integrate into writing lessons by asking students to use **at least three words from their pyramid** in a short paragraph.