

Spelling Power

Lesson 12: The Final y

Word Bank

hardiness	deniable	capacities	testifying	employment
annoyance	loneliness	voluntarily	injurious	destinies

Key Concepts

The following rules will help you add suffixes to words that end in *y*.

- Change the *y* to *i* if a consonant precedes the *y*.
pry + ed = pried
fancy + ful = fanciful
rely + es = relies
- Keep the *y* when adding *-ing*.
pry + ing = prying
- Keep the *y* that is preceded by a vowel.
play + ful = playful
joy + ous = joyous
relay + s = relays

Spelling Practice

Choose the word from the Word Bank that combines each word root and suffix. Write your choices on the lines. Then write the number of the Key Concept that applies to each choice.

- deny + able = _____
- injury + ous = _____
- lonely + ness = _____
- destiny + es = _____
- testify + ing = _____
- annoy + ance = _____
- employ + ment = _____
- capacity + es = _____
- voluntary + ly = _____
- hardy + ness = _____

Spelling in Context

Write the word from the Word Bank that best completes each sentence.

- Tran was looking for interesting summer _____.
- She wanted to use her _____ for math and writing.
- She knew she had the _____ needed for outdoor work.
- Her grandmother reminded her that even small decisions can affect our _____.
- The wisdom of her grandmother’s words was not _____.

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Proofreading Practice

Read the paragraph below. Find the five misspelled words and circle them. Then, on the numbered lines, write the correct spelling for each circled word.

No one is sure why Emily Dickinson voluntarily withdrew from the world. She was still a young woman when she retreated into her room. Not even her family knew that she was writing hundreds of poems. Was her isolation injurious to her? Did she feel great loneliness? Was she filled with annoyance at everyday problems? The only answers are her poems, testifying to her rich inner life. Today those poems are classics of American literature.

1. _____ 3. _____ 5. _____
 2. _____ 4. _____

Spelling Application

Listed below are six more words that reflect the Key Concepts you have learned. Add the endings shown.

allies compliant defiant delaying galaxies mystifying

1. comply + ant = _____ 4. galaxy + es = _____
 2. defy + ant = _____ 5. mystify + ing = _____
 3. delay + ing = _____ 6. ally + es = _____

Use the words above to complete these imaginary business addresses.

7. & 8. _____ to _____
 School of Manners
 40 Olfashen Way
 Excuuze, ME
9. The Farthest _____
 Space Travel Agency
 43210 Blastoff Place
 Astronomic, AL
10. _____ for UFO Research
 1 Crop Circle
 Pecyool, IA
11. Paying, Not _____
 Express Loan Company
 10 Grandiwanna Ave.
 Gimmelotts, MO
12. _____ Materials
 Magicians' Supplies
 2-B Moe St.
 Trick, KY