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Suffix Change Up

You can change the meaning or the usage of a word by adding a **suffix** at the end.

Suffix	Meaning
-ing, -ed	-ing: <i>happening now (singing)</i> -ed: <i>in the past (walked)</i>
-s, -es	plural word: <i>more than one (dogs, boxes)</i>
-er, -est	-er: <i>more (older, higher)</i> -est: <i>most (oldest, highest)</i>
-ful, -less	-ful: <i>a lot (careful, hopeful)</i> -less: <i>none (careless, hopeless)</i>

A. Write the correct suffix in the gap.

- Jake slowly walk____ (ed, ing) down the street, hope____ (ed, ful) of finding the keys he so care____ ly (ful, less) lost.
- Although Jill was the fast____ (est, er) runner in the class, she was far young____ (er, est) than the others.
- Kim's room is the untidi____ (est, er) I have ever seen but she is always very care____ (less, ful) with her appearance.
- Mom always recycl____ (ed, ing) the wrappings after she pack____ (ing, ed) away the groceri____ (s, es).
- The shop____ (s, es) in this street were the old____ (er, est) in town. They all need____ (ing, ed) care____ (less, ful) cleaning and painting.

B. Make four words from each **root word** below using the **suffixes** in the box.

-s -es -ing -ed -er -est -ful -less

1. fish	
2. hope	
3. care	
4. paint	
5. light	

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Answers: Suffixes 1

A. Write the correct suffix in the gap.

1. Jake slowly walked**ed** down the street, hope**ful** of finding the keys he so care**lessly** lost.
2. Although Jill was the fast**est** runner in the class, she was far younger**er** than the others.
3. Kim's room is the untidi**est** I have ever seen but she is always very care**ful** (less, **ful**) with her appearance.
4. Mom always recycled**ed** the wrappings after she packed**ed** away the groceries**es**.
5. The shops in this street were the old**est** in town. They all needed**ed** careful cleaning and painting.

B.

1. fish	fishes, fishing, fished, fisher
2. hope	hopes, hoping, hoped, hopeful, hopeless
3. care	cares, caring, cared, carer, careful, careless
4. paint	paints, painting, painted, painter
5. light	lights, lighting, lighter, lightest