

Varied Fluency

Step 1: Root Words, Prefixes and Suffixes

National Curriculum Objectives:

English Year 3: (3G6.4) [Word families based on common words, showing how words are related in form and meaning \[for example, solve, solution, solver, dissolve, insoluble\]](#)

Terminology for pupils:

- (3G6.4) [word family](#)

Differentiation:

Developing Questions to support identifying root words, prefixes and suffixes, using the prefix 'un' and suffixes '-es', '-s', '-er', '-ing'. Words are primarily taken from KS1 spelling objectives.

Expected Questions to support identifying root words, prefixes and suffixes, using the prefixes 'super-', 'anti-', 'auto-' and the suffixes '-er', '-ful', '-less', '-est' and 'ly'. Words included are taken from the Year 3 and Year 4 expectations.

Greater Depth Questions to support identifying root words, prefixes and suffixes, using the prefixes 'super-', 'anti-', 'auto-', 'dis-' and 'mis-' and the suffixes '-er', '-ful', '-less', '-est' and 'ly'. Words included are primarily from the Year 3 and Year 4 expectation but also included more uncommon words.

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1a. Underline the root word in the following words.

shouts knowing
keeper untold



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1b. Underline the root word in the following words.

going gardener
beds unending



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2a. Circle the prefix or suffix in each word.

planting longer

unkind



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2b. Circle the prefix or suffix in each word.

heading eggs

greener



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3a. Circle the suffix that can be added to all of the root words below.

-es -ing -est

fox horse cloth



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3b. Circle the suffix that can be added to all of the root words below.

-ing -er -s

school king dog



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4a. Complete the sentences below by choosing the correct word.

rounds rounding rounder

My head is _____ than yours.

In maths we use _____ to help us with numbers.

He played three _____ of golf.



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4b. Complete the sentences below by choosing the correct word.

winder winds unwind

People can use a yarn _____ to wind balls of yarn.

He had to _____ the ball of string.

The cat _____ through the grass.



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5a. Underline the root word in the following words.

planting

builder

weightless

limited

appearing

unheard



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5b. Underline the root word in the following words.

joyful

covered

useless

helper

acting

unfriendly



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6a. Circle the prefix or suffix in each word.

teacher

unkind

earliest

superstar

heartless



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6b. Circle the prefix or suffix in each word.

learner

largest

playful

autograph

slowly



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7a. Circle the prefix or suffix that can be added to all of the root words below.

super-

-ful

-est

cheer

help

use



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7b. Circle the prefix or suffix that can be added to all of the root words below.

-ly

-er

-less

build

train

sing



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8a. Complete the sentences below by choosing the correct word.

superpower

powerful

powerless

The lion was _____ and strong.

The main hero had a cool _____.

The team were _____ against the champions.



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8b. Complete the sentences below by choosing the correct word.

laziest

lazier

lazily

He is becoming _____ each day.

His legs were swinging _____ below him.

She was the _____ girl I knew.



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9a. Underline the root word in the following words.

distaste

misspell

antifreeze

misalign

supermarket

thankless



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9b. Underline the root word in the following words.

cheerful

unhelpful

autopilot

mistrust

supernatural

disappear



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10a. Circle the prefix or suffix in each word.

autobiography

anticlockwise

dislike



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10b. Circle the prefix or suffix in each word.

disagree

antibody

misjudge



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11a. Circle the prefix or suffix that can be added to all of the root words below.

-less

dis-

mis-

obey

connect

honest



VF

11b. Circle the prefix or suffix that can be added to all of the root words below.

anti-

-ly

super-

human

star

market



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12a. Complete the sentence below by adding a prefix and a suffix to the root word.

appoint

The team were extremely _____ when they lost the match in the final ten minutes.



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12b. Complete the sentence below by adding a prefix and a suffix to the root word.

trust

They were _____ of the people who had just entered the shop.



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Developing

- 1a. **shout; know; keep; told**
- 2a. **-ing; -er; un-**
- 3a. **-es**
- 4a. **rounder; rounding; rounds**

Expected

- 5a. **plant; build; weight; limit; appear; heard**
- 6a. **-er; un-; -est; super-; -less**
- 7a. **-ful**
- 8a. **powerful; superpower; powerless**

Greater Depth

- 9a. **taste; spell; freeze; align; market; thank**
- 10a. **auto-; anti-; dis-**
- 11a. **dis-**
- 12a. **disappointed**

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Developing

- 1b. **go; garden; bed; end**
- 2b. **-ing; -s; -er**
- 3b. **-s**
- 4b. **winder; unwind; winds**

Expected

- 5b. **joy; cover; use; help; act; friend**
- 6b. **-er; -est; -ful; auto-; -ly**
- 7b. **-er**
- 8b. **lazier; lazily; laziest**

Greater Depth

- 9b. **cheer; help; pilot; trust; natural; appear**
- 10b. **dis-; anti-; mis-**
- 11b. **super-**
- 12b. **distrustful**