Grammar: Suffixes

A **suffix** is added to a root word to change the meaning of the word.

Draw a line from the suffix to its meaning. *Hint:* If you're stuck, think of a word you know that ends with that suffix.

1.	–able	more than
2.	–ful or –full	characteristic or way of being
3.	–less	the most
4.	–y	action or state
5.	–ly	believes or does
6.	–ment	characterized by/inclined to
7.	–er	worthy of, able to
8.	–est	without
9.	–ness	full of
10.	–ist	is like

Add a suffix to each root word so it matches the new definition.

Root words			
most	**art**	**beauty**	**cost**

Suffixes		
–ful	**–ist**	**–ly**

very pretty _____

expensive _____

a person who makes art _____

almost totally _____

Circle the words with suffixes in the paragraph below.

You don't have to be a botanist to grow your own food! The warmest time of year is best for planting some seeds, while others can only grow when planted during colder times. Some plants, like tomatoes, become droopy if you don't water them daily. You must make sure the soil has just the right amount of wetness for each type of plant. Gardening can be difficult, but the right knowledge can make it easier.

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