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More Practice With the Suffix *-able*

The suffix *-able* means “able to be.”

acceptable	changeable	disposable	erasable	flammable	immovable
manageable	capable	valuable	unusable	redeemable	noticeable

Part I: Choose the word from the box that best completes each sentence. Each word is used once.

1. In the darkness his black cape was barely _____.
2. This rare coin that you found is quite _____.
3. Never keep papers near a heat source because they're a _____ material.
4. Dylan used an _____ pen so he could make corrections.
5. If the twins were more _____, Carlotta might have enjoyed babysitting them.
6. Alexandra was a _____ nurse who calmly dealt with emergencies daily.
7. Weathering had weakened the rowboat's floor, leaving it leaky and _____.
8. Do you find this car _____, or do you need something larger?
9. Austin discovered that the large desk was so heavy that it was _____.
10. It's hard to make plans when the weather is so _____.
11. The baby was wearing _____ diapers.
12. This coupon is _____ at your local grocery store.

Part II: Pick two words from the box above. Use each in a sentence.

Example: Paper plates are **disposable**.

1. _____

2. _____

The Suffix *-ize*

The suffix *-ize* means “to make.”

Example: *colonize* means “make a colony (settlement)”

prioritize means “make (set) priorities”

When a word ends in *y*, drop the *y* before adding the suffix.

Part I: Add the suffix *-ize* to the following words:

Example: stable* _____ stabilize _____

1. sympathy _____ 6. special _____

2. real _____ 7. emphasis* _____

3. apology _____ 8. agony _____

4. terror _____ 9. rational _____

5. energy _____ 10. memory _____

* The base word spelling changes with the addition of the suffix.

sympathize	energize	finalize	stabilize	memorize
apologize	agonize	prioritize	emphasize	terrorize

Part II: Choose the word from the box that matches the definition.

1. make an apology _____

2. make full of energy _____

3. set priorities _____

4. set in memory _____

5. make full of agony _____

6. make stable _____

7. make final _____

8. feel sympathy _____

9. give emphasis to _____

10. make terrified _____