

TIP

The suffix **er** means **more**, as in **tighter**. It is used to compare two things. The suffix **est** means **most**, as in **crueler**. It is used to compare more than two things. The suffix **ness** changes an adjective into a noun, as in **damp-dampness**. To add suffixes to words ending in **y**, change the **y** to an **i**: **tiny-tinier**. To add suffixes to words ending in **e**, drop the **e**: **simple-simplest**.

LIST WORDS

1. happiness
2. muddiest
3. tighter
4. cruellest
5. noisiest
6. crazier
7. stiffness
8. dampness
9. sharpness
10. strictest
11. brightest
12. thickest
13. emptiness
14. tinier
15. firmest
16. cleverness
17. healthier
18. simplest
19. cleanliness
20. promptness

Spelling Practice

Words with **er**, **est** and **ness**

Write a **list word** under the correct heading.

Words with the suffix **er**

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

Words that were changed from adjectives to nouns with the suffix **ness**

13. _____
14. _____
15. _____
16. _____

17. _____
18. _____
19. _____
20. _____

Words with the suffix **est**

5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____
10. _____
11. _____
12. _____

Word Parts

Add a suffix to each base word to form a **list word**. Write the word on the line.

1. tight	_____	8. muddy	_____
2. empty	_____	9. stiff	_____
3. thick	_____	10. noisy	_____
4. clean	_____	11. bright	_____
5. sharp	_____	12. strict	_____
6. clever	_____	13. prompt	_____
7. tiny	_____	14. crazy	_____

Synonyms

On the spaces at the right, write a **list word** that means the same as the word given. Then, read the letters in the shaded box to solve the riddle.

1. shiniest _____
2. heartier _____
3. easiest _____
4. moistness _____
5. loudest _____
6. smaller _____
7. meanest _____
8. dirtiest _____
9. hardest _____

Riddle: What is extremely precious, can't be bought, but can be found?

Answer: _____



Spelling and Writing

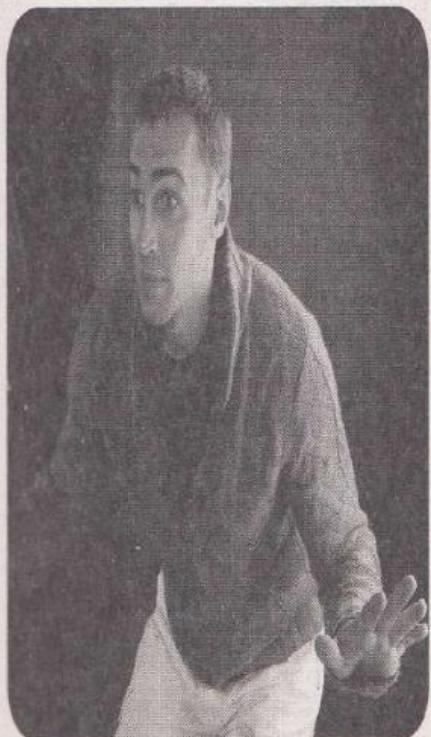
Proofreading

This paragraph from a travel book has nine mistakes. Use the proofreading marks to fix each mistake. Then, write the misspelled **list words** on the lines.

Hapyness might be listening to a story at the National Storytelling Festival in Jonesborough tennessee. This was the first such festival in the country and it is still the best-known. What can you do there You can see the brietest storytellers turn the simmplest stories into the most fascinating tales you've ever heard. You will be amazed by their clevarness.

Proofreading Marks

- spelling mistake
- ^ add something
- capital letter



1. _____ 2. _____

3. _____ 4. _____