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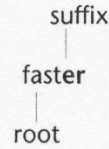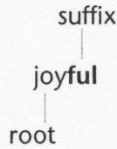Some graphics may not have copied well during the Scan Process

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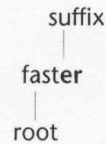
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A. was angry

B. more angry

C. most angry

D. without anger

2 What is the meaning of the word *painless*?

A. more pain

B. most pain

C. full of pain

D. without pain

3 What is the meaning of the word *driver*?

A. full of drive

B. the most drive

C. without drive

D. person who drives

4 What is the meaning of the word *careful*?

A. cared more

B. cared in the past

C. full of care

D. without a care

5 What is the meaning of the word *happiest*?

A. person who is happy

B. most happy

C. without happiness

D. more happy

6 What is the meaning of the word *breathless*?

A. full of breath

B. without breath

C. the most breath

D. person who breathes

7 Read the sentence.

It was _____ to throw away food without eating it.

Which word best completes the sentence?

A. waster   B. wasting

C. wasteful   D. wasteless

8 Read the sentence.

The _____ supervises the staff of ten at the store.

Which word best completes the sentence?

A. manager   B. managing

C. manages   D. manageful

9 Read the sentence.

The soup was _____, so I added more seasoning.

Which word best completes the sentence?

A. tastiest   B. tasteful

C. tasteless   D. tasted

10 Read the sentence.

Kian was the _____ person in the group.

Which word best completes the sentence?

A. older   B. oldest

C. oldful   D. oldless

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Practice 24 | **Roots and Suffixes**

1 What is the meaning of the word *runner*?

A. person who runs

B. without running

C. the most running

D. full of running

2 What is the meaning of the word *flavorless*?

A. more flavor

B. the most flavor

C. without flavor

D. full of flavor

3 Read the sentence.

Even in hard times, I remain _____ that things will get better.

What word <u>best</u> completes the sentence?

A. hopest

B. hopeful

C. hoper

D. hopeless

4 What is the meaning of the word *brighter*?

A. full of brightness

B. without brightness

C. most bright

D. more bright

5 What is the meaning of the word *prideful*?

A. without pride

B. a person who has pride

C. more pride

D. full of pride

6 Read the sentence.

The news reported that yesterday was the _____ day ever recorded in our city.

What word <u>best</u> completes the sentence?

A. hotful

B. hotter

C. hottest

D. hotless

7 What is the meaning of the word *baker*?

A. most baked

B. person who bakes

C. without baking

D. full of baking

8 What is the meaning of the word *useless*?

A. without a use

B. full of use

C. more use

D. most use

9 Read the sentence.

The _____ gets up at sunrise to feed the animals and work in the fields.

What word <u>best</u> completes the sentence?

A. farming

B. farmer

C. farmest

D. farmful

10 What is the meaning of the word *safer*?

A. without safe

B. most safe

C. more safe

D. full of safe

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1. B. The suffix *-er* means "more."
2. D. The suffix *-less* means "without."
3. D. The suffix *-er* means "person who."
4. C. The suffix *-ful* means "full of."
5. B. The suffix *-est* means "most."
6. B. The suffix *-less* means "without."
7. C. To throw something away without eating it shows an action that is full of waste. The suffix *-ful* means "full of."
8. A. A person who manages a staff is a manager. The suffix *-er* often means "person who."
9. C. You would need to add seasoning to soup that had no taste. The suffix *-less* means "without."
10. B. Kian is being compared to the rest of the group. The suffix *-est* means "most."

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2. C. The suffix -*less* means "without." *Flavorless* means "without flavor."

3. B. The suffix -*ful* means "full of." Someone who is expecting better days is *hopeful*, or "full of hope."

4. D. The suffix -*er* means "more." *Brighter* means "more bright."

5. D. The suffix -*ful* means "full of." *Prideful* means "full of pride."

6. C. The suffix -*est* means "most." *Hottest* means "most hot."

7. B. The suffix -*er* means "person who." A *baker* is a person who bakes.

8. A. The suffix -*less* means "without." *Useless* means "without a use."

9. B. The suffix -*er* means "person who." A *farmer* is a person who farms.

10. C. The suffix -*er* means "more." *Safer* means "more safe."

11. D. The suffix -*ful* means "full of." *Powerful* means "full of power."

12. A. The suffix -*er* means "person who." A *leader* is a person who leads.

13. B. The suffix -*est* means "most." *Sweetest* means "most safe."

14. D. The suffix -*less* means "without." *Fearless* means "without fear."

15. C. The suffix -*er* means "more." *Luckier* means "more lucky."

16. A. The suffix -*less* means "without." *Endless* means "without end."

17. B. The suffix -*er* means "person who." A *taster* is a person who tastes.

18. D. The suffix -*est* means "most." *Weakest* means "most weak."

19. A. The suffix -*ful* means "full of." *Doubtful* means "full of doubt."

20. C. The suffix -*er* means "more." *Smoother* means "more smooth."