Hidden Suffixes: Size and Amount

One or more suffixes are hiding in the clues. Look for the word parts that are the same in the boldfaced examples.

1. This suffix means small. A **yearling** is an animal, such as a calf or deer, between one and two years old. A **fledgling** is bird with new feathers needed for flight. It may also refer to a young or inexperienced person. An **underling** is someone who works under another person and is of less importance at that job.

   A suffix that means *small* is: __ __ __ __.

2. This suffix also means small. An **islet** is a small island. A **ringlet** is a small curl of hair. A **rivulet** is a small stream or river.

   Another suffix that means *small* is: __ __ __ __.

3. This suffix means very small. Something that is **minuscule** is extremely small. A **molecule** is a particle of one or more atoms. You’ll need a microscope to see an **animalcule**, a microscopic organism, such as an amoeba.

   A suffix that means *very small* is: __ __ __ __ __.

4. This suffix means *full of*. Something that is juicy, or full of juice, and delicious is **succulent**. A succulent is also a kind of plant with thick, fleshy leaves and stems that can store water. Something that is **turbulent** is full of violent motion, unstable, or chaotic. That which is **fraudulent** is false, full of fraud, and aiming to deceive.

   A suffix that means *full of* is: __ __ __ __ __ __ __.

5. This suffix also means *full of*. People who are **verbose** are talkative, long-winded, and use too many words to express themselves. Someone who is **bellicose** is aggressive and quick to fight. Something **grandiose** is full of grandeur to the point of being showy and ostentatious.

   Another suffix that means *full of* is: __ __ __ __.

List the suffixes in alphabetical order across the top row. Then, list the boldfaced words containing that suffix in alphabetical order under that suffix. The first one has been started for you.

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Cloze Call

Write the missing suffix to complete the unfinished word in each sentence.

1. The fraud______ scheme robbed hundreds of people of their life savings.

2. We knew it was going to be a long meeting because the chairperson is so verb______.

3. We each had a chance to look at the tiny animal______ through a microscope.

4. The general’s under______s were proud to serve, even if the general did not know their names.

5. While white water rafting on the river, we passed many rivu______s that were too narrow for our craft.

Use an answer from above in a sentence of your own. Underline the word with the suffix in your sentence.

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Draw a picture to illustrate your sentence.
Suffix Crossword Puzzle

Read the clues. Use the suffixes in the box below to complete the puzzle.

**SUFFIXES** -cule, -let, -ling, -ose, -ulent

**CLUES**

**ACROSS**
2. A single unit of one or more atoms
5. You do not want an airplane ride to be this!
9. You do not want a raise at work to be this size!
10. This baby bird is ready to learn to fly.

**DOWN**
1. We rested on the ______ in the stream before paddling home.
3. Quick to anger, ready to fight
4. Showy and ostentatious
6. A curl of hair
7. A cactus is this kind of plant because it can store water.
8. The doe stayed close to her ______.

On the back, choose two or more puzzle answers to use in a single sentence.
Word Cards

› Complete the word cards.
› Cut them out and tape or staple them to index cards.
› On the back, illustrate one word for each suffix.
› Draw a picture of one or more words on the back of the card.

**Suffix** -ulent

Means ________________

Words I know with -ulent:
1. turbulent means ________________
2. fraudulent means ________________
3. succulent means ________________
4. Other words I know with -ulent:
   ________________

**Suffix** -ose

Means ________________

Words I know with -ose:
1. verbose means ________________
2. bellicose means ________________
3. grandiose means ________________
4. Other words I know with -ose:
   ________________

**Suffix** -ling

Means ________________

Words I know with -ling:
1. yearling means ________________
2. fledgling means ________________
3. underling means ________________
4. Other words I know with -ling:
   ________________

**Suffix** -cule

Means ________________

Words I know with -cule:
1. minuscule means ________________
2. molecule means ________________
3. animalcule means ________________
4. Other words I know with -cule:
   ________________

**Suffix** -let

Means ________________

Words I know with -let:
1. rivulet means ________________
2. islet means ________________
3. ringlet means ________________
4. Other words I know with -let:
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**Unit 1**

**PAGE 11**
1. uni-, 2. mon-/mono-, 3. di-, 4. tri-, 5. quadri-/quadru-

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1. tripod, 2. quadruple, 3. monarchy, 4. uniforms, 5. digraphs

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Down: 1. quadriceps, 4. unison, 5. dichotomy, 6. trilogy, 7. triathlete

**Unit 2**

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1. -ant, 2. -eer/-ier, 3. -arian/-riian, 4. -ist, 5. -wright

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1. preservationists, 2. wheelwright, 3. financier, 4. immigrants, 5. equestrian

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Down: 1. descendant, 2. electioneer, 4. humanitariar, 5. octogenarian, 7. playwright, 8. shipwright

**Unit 3**

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1. micro-, 2. mega-, 3. magn-, 4. multi-, 5. equa/-equi-

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**Unit 4**

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1. -ling, 2. -let, 3. -ucle, 4. -ulent, 5. -ose

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