

Suffix Spelling Assessment

Description:

Comprises 44 words, from 11 English suffix classifications:

Regular past tense ‘-ed’

jumped

walked

kissed

worked

plural ‘-s’

windows

doors

clocks

balls

‘s’ 3rd person singular

walks

sleeps

fights

sits

Person Words

'-ian'

librarian

magician

vegetarian

electrician

'-er'

dancer

writer

footballer

teacher

'-ist'

artist

specialist

scientist

florist

Abstract Nouns

'-ion'

confusion

competition

punctuation

satisfaction

'-ment'

environment

pavement

government

measurement

'-ness'

illness

tiredness

kindness

laziness

'-less'

painless

careless

harmless

breathless

'-ful'

powerful

playful

painful

harmful

Protocol:

The pupil assessment sheet comprises 3 pages (5 sides) that need to be printed (see below). This is an individual reading assessment. Words to be spelt are presented to a child/group of children, as a gap in written sentences. Each target word can be spoken or signed in the given sentence, and is

accompanied by a PowerPoint picture on the screen. (See PowerPoint presentation: '**Oxford Morpheme Spelling Assessment**'.)

N.B. This is a spelling task where the target word is GIVEN (signed or spoken, but not finger-spelt); it is not a sentence completion task to test comprehension.

Participants are required to complete the pre-numbered assessment sheet.

Timing: Approximately 20 – 30 minutes.

Scoring

1 mark to be awarded for each correctly spelt target word.

Non-target words, even if spelt correctly, score zero.

If scoring solely for use of the morpheme suffixes, then the stem spelling is ignored and one mark is awarded for each correctly spelt suffix for the appropriate word.

For example:

1. Target word: 'windows'

Response 'wimbos' = a score of 1 for the 's' suffix.

Oxford Morpheme Spelling Teacher Assessment Sheet

Each target word (in bold) should be spoken and/or signed to the children, then inserted into the sentence and presented alongside the PowerPoint presentation. For example:

Administrator “Number One, ‘windows’, these are windows”.

1. These are w..... **windows**
2. Now Freddy w..... **walks** his dog.
3. Yesterday the lady j..... **jumped** over the car.
4. A person who arranges flowers is a f..... **florist**
5. There are lots of c..... **clocks**
6. Bob was ill for 7 weeks; she had a long i..... **illness**
7. A person who dances is a d..... **dancer**
8. Exhaust fumes can damage our e..... **environment**
9. There are lots of b... **balls**
10. She ran fast and arrived out of breath; she was b... **breathless**
11. Everyone was confused; there was a lot of c..... **confusion**
12. Cars drive on the road, but people walk on the p..... **pavement** ...
13. A pain that hurts a lot is p..... **painful**
14. A person who works in a library is a l..... **librarian**
15. The dog did not harm people, he was h..... **harmless**
16. Now Teddy s..... **sits** in the chair.
17. Our school won the football c..... **competition**
18. Scissors can cause harm; they can be h..... **harmful**
19. A puppy that plays is p..... **playful**
20. There are lots of d... **doors**
21. Yesterday you w... **worked** hard at your homework.
22. When Donna passed all her exams she was satisfied; she had a feeling of s... **satisfaction**

23. A person who writes is a w... **writer**
24. A person who plays football is a f..... **footballer**
25. The m..... **magician** did lots of magic tricks.
26. A king that has power is p..... **powerful**
27. The m..... **measurement** of the table was 90cm X 60cm.
28. A person who eats vegetables, but does not eat meat is a v..
vegetarian...
29. Now Ali s..... **sleeps** on a blue pillow.
30. Last Monday my sister..... **kissed** me 'good-bye'.
31. She drove the car with no care; she was a c... **careless** driver.
32. Yesterday we w... **walked** the dogs.
33. Now Sam f..... **fights** with his brother.
34. The man who mended the electricity is an e... **electrician**
35. A man who creates art is an a..... **artist**
36. You shouldn't drive when you are tired; t..... **tiredness** ... can kill.
37. Members of Parliament and our Prime Minister govern; they form
our g..... **government**
38. A person who teaches is a t..... **teacher**
39. A doctor who specialises is a s..... **specialist**
40. Sleeping Beauty was visited by the kind fairy; this fairy was famous
for her k... **kindness**
41. A person who works at understanding science is a s... **scientist**
42. Tom was lazy, he was always in trouble because of his l... **laziness** ..
43. The injection gave no pain; it was p..... **painless**
44. In English we learn to punctuate; we learn to use p..... **punctuation**
... marks.