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Words to Preview

Point & Say

1 **lumberjack** – a person whose job is to cut down trees and take them to the lumber mill.

opera

exciting

*The **lumberjack** worked hard yesterday and cut down six tall trees.*

2 **legends** – stories told over many years that may not be true.

*Some **legends** are based on the actions of a real person, but the person's actions are made bigger than life.*

3 **tales** – stories about real or imaginary people or events.

*We had fun sitting around the campfire while our scout leader told us scary **tales**.*

4 **axmen** – men who carry axes and help lumberjacks cut down trees.

*The **axmen** helped cut firewood for the cold winter.*

5 **flapjacks** – pancakes.

*On our camping trip, we cooked **flapjacks** over the campfire for breakfast.*

Paul Bunyan

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ever be.	58

The stories about Paul Bunyan were first told by men in logging camps.	71
These men would tell tales at night. They always had Paul Bunyan doing	84
things that normal people cannot really do. The stories made Paul Bunyan	96
larger than life, or stronger and more exciting than regular people.	107



READER 2

Even tales about Paul's early years made him larger than life. When 119
 he learned to clap and laugh, it shook the house so much that all the 134
 windows broke. At three years old, he could chop through logs. 145

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 during a storm of blue snow. Paul took Babe to the fire to warm up. Babe 175
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READER 3

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Investigate the Text

- 1 Underline the sentence that explains **how loud** Paul Bunyan's voice was. Write ① at the beginning of this underlined sentence.
- 2 Underline the sentences that explain **why** Babe was the color blue. Write ② at the beginning of these underlined sentences.
- 3 Underline the sentence that explains **why** Paul Bunyan named all of his axmen Elmer. Write ③ at the beginning of this underlined sentence.
- 4 Underline the sentence that explains **how** Paul Bunyan greased his flapjack pan. Write ④ at the beginning of this underlined sentence.

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Mark It!

1 p o i n t l e s s

7 u s e f u l

2 s k i l l f u l

8 m o t i o n l e s s

3 g l a d l y

9 g e n t l e n e s s

4 p r e t e n d s

10 d e p a r t m e n t

5 t r e a t m e n t

11 e x a c t l y

6 t h i c k n e s s

12 c o m m i t s

Read It!

1 c o m m i t s

t r e a t m e n t

m o t i o n l e s s

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e x a c t l y



Word Sort

If you see a consonant suffix, underline it with one line. Some words do not have suffixes. Place a checkmark in the correct column. The schwa spellings are circled.

CHALLENGING

- 1 grace•ful
- 2 per•m@•nent
- 3 fi•n@l•ly
- 4 sleep•less

Suffix	No Suffix
✓	

MORE CHALLENGING

- 5 ar•gu•ment
- 6 duf•fel
- 7 ac•cess
- 8 ac•tive•ly

Suffix	No Suffix

MOST CHALLENGING

- 9 de•pen•dent
- 10 tea•spoon•ful
- 11 com•part•ment
- 12 com•plete•ly

Suffix	No Suffix



CHALLENGING

- 1 ran swiftly on the snowless grass (6)
- 2 is grateful for the yearly subscription (6)
- 3 gladly took the peaceful weekend trip (6)
- 4 can hear clearly over the cordless phone (7)

MORE CHALLENGING

- 5 would normally have found a replacement (6)
- 6 had a delightful time at the amusement park (8)
- 7 a limitless supply of flourless chocolate cupcakes (7)
- 8 like the crookedness of the maple tree in the yard (10)

CHALLENGING

- 1 The cuddly baby grabs fistfuls of seedless grapes. (8)
- 2 We barely made it outside on this clear, cloudless day. (10)
- 3 My mom carefully inspected our bedrooms for neatness. (8)
- 4 The flatness of our driveway made it useful for playing basketball. (11)

MORE CHALLENGING

- 5 Julie anticipated that the rubella vaccination would be painless. (9)
- 6 Cindy made a commitment to volunteer at the homeless shelter every weekend. (12)
- 7 Seb's willingness to help his classmates instantly made him a candidate for class president. (14)
- 8 Lance had to take a fitness test to show that he was able to scale the embankment completely on his own. (21)



WORDS

1. Read each word.
2. Underline words that do **not** end with a suffix.
3. Draw a **box** around words that end with **one** consonant suffix.
4. **Circle** words that end with **two** consonant suffixes.

agent

carefully

fearful

enjoyment

principal

effortless

speechlessness

locally

thankfulness

payment

address

secretly

helpless

treatment

skillfully

CHALLENGE YOURSELF

- 1 Find the word that means "having no ability to talk." _____
- 2 Find the word that tells where you live. _____
- 3 Find the word that explains how a doctor might help you.

- 4 Find two words that are jobs.
