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Words to Preview

Point & Say

1	published – printed in a book, a newspaper, a magazine, or online. <i>She published the book of short stories.</i>	excellent
2	coyotes – wild animals that look like small wolves. <i>The coyotes howled at the moon.</i>	trench
3	cyclone – a storm with very strong winds. <i>The cyclone ripped the roof off the house.</i>	legend
4	lasso – a long rope with a loop at one end. <i>He used the lasso to catch the runaway cow.</i>	

Pecos Bill

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READER 2

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READER 3

Pecos Bill had one true love. That was Slue-Foot Sue. He first saw Sue riding a giant catfish. Soon after, they got married.

On their wedding day, Sue tried to ride Pecos Bill's horse, but the horse did not like Sue, so it bounced her off its back. One story says she bounced so high that she landed on the moon. Another story says she kept bouncing back and forth from the ground to the moon. In both stories, Pecos Bill knew he had lost his bride. This made him so sad that he howled at the moon. Legend has it, this is why coyotes still howl at the moon.

There are different stories about how Pecos Bill died. Some say he laughed himself to death after seeing a man pretend to be a cowboy with lizard skin boots. No matter how different the tales are, Pecos Bill is always a hero who is larger than life.

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Investigate the Text

- 1 Underline the sentence that tells **where** and **when** Pecos Bill was born. Write ① at the beginning of this underlined sentence.
- 2 Underline the sentences that tell **what types** of things Pecos Bill rode other than horses. Write ② at the beginning of these underlined sentences.
- 3 Underline the sentences that explain **why** Pecos Bill howled at the moon. Write ③ at the beginning of these underlined sentences.
- 4 Underline the sentence that tells **what** Pecos Bill used as a lasso. Write ④ at the beginning of this underlined sentence.

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| 2 d e p e n d a b l e | 8 f l e x i b l e |
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| 4 p o i s o n o u s | 10 p a i n t e r |
| 5 t h i c k e s t | 11 c h e w y |
| 6 g r u m p y | 12 s t a c k a b l e |

Read It!

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|--------------|------------|------------|
| 1 thickest | chewy | researcher |
| 2 scratches | grumpy | dependable |
| 3 shouting | poisonous | gardener |
| 4 flexible | painter | stackable |
| 5 dependable | shouting | chewy |
| 6 poisonous | researcher | scratches |
| 7 grumpy | stackable | thickest |
| 8 gardener | flexible | painter |



Word Sort

Underline the suffix with one line. Place a checkmark in the correct column. The schwa spellings are circled.

CHALLENGING

- 1 visible
- 2 reckess
- 3 brighter
- 4 tricky

Consonant Suffix

Vowel Suffix

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MORE CHALLENGING

- 5 legally
- 6 fearess
- 7 emloyer
- 8 prefixes

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Vowel Suffix

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MOST CHALLENGING

- 9 amazementen
- 10 comofortable
- 11 forgiveness
- 12 hazardous

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CHALLENGING

- 1 passes the hardest history test (5)
- 2 smallest dishes go on the top shelf (7)
- 3 is capable of enjoying the petting zoo (7)
- 4 had two different viruses at the same time (8)

MORE CHALLENGING

- 5 editing in pen is acceptable in sixth grade (8)
- 6 enjoys creamy peanut butter more than chunky (7)
- 7 the fastest player got the ball past the goalkeeper (9)
- 8 does crunches, lunges, and jumping jacks in gym class (9)

CHALLENGING

- 1 Greg is totally believable as a banker or as a preacher. (11)
- 2 Andrew relaxes on a comfortable hammock in his backyard. (9)
- 3 On her birthday, Grace wishes for trendy jeans and a tasty lemony dessert. (13)
- 4 The reporter is informing the public about the pesky pothole along the highway. (13)

MORE CHALLENGING

- 5 Working outdoors, like gardeners and farmers do, is fulfilling and boosts your physical fitness. (14)
- 6 The outstanding dressmaker insists on adding sashes and lace to every silky, flowing ball gown. (15)
- 7 Did the bag containing the cheaper, darker coffee beans make it to the grumpy retailer on time? (17)
- 8 While sitting in the library, Lucas and Charley were discussing how predictable the closing chapter of their novel was. (19)



SENTENCES

1. Read each sentence.
2. Underline all of the vowel suffixes.
3. Circle all of the consonant suffixes.
4. Draw a box around all of the words that contain **both** a vowel suffix **and** a consonant suffix.

- 1 Henry was dangerously close to slipping over the edge of the tallest cliff.
- 2 Can we have a meaningful conversation about the development of better-selling relishes?
- 3 The amazingly comfortable couch has been broken by the children jumping and dancing on it numerous times.

CHALLENGE YOURSELF

Find base words that could end in two different vowel suffixes, and write the two words on the lines. Example: deeper (er) deepest (est)

- 1 _____ (es) _____ (ing)
- 2 _____ (er) _____ (est)
- 3 _____ (es) _____ (y)
- 4 _____ (able) _____ (ing)

Come up with your own!

- 5 _____
- 6 _____