


This week, we are again looking at how nouns and adjective root words can be changed into verbs using suffixes.



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- A cartoon illustration of a male teacher with dark hair, wearing a white shirt and a red tie, pointing towards a whiteboard. The whiteboard contains three bullet points explaining the formation of -en suffix words. The background is a light orange pattern with faint floral designs.
- Many -en suffix words are just created by simply adding the -en suffix to a noun or adjective root word, e.g. straight (*adjective*) → straighten (*verb*).
 - However, if the root word is a CVC or CCVC word with a short vowel sound, we usually need to double the last letter before adding -en, e.g. flat (*adjective*) → flatten (*verb*).
 - Root words that end in 'e' also usually remove the letter before adding -en, e.g. mistake (*noun*) → mistaken (*verb*).

TASK -

Letter Tiles Spellings

Use the letter tile scores to find out which of your spelling words would score the most points. The first one has been done for you.

A ₁	B ₃	C ₃	D ₂	E ₁	F ₄	G ₂	H ₄	I ₁
J ₈	K ₅	L ₁	M ₃	N ₁	O ₁	P ₃	Q ₁₀	R ₁
S ₁	T ₁	U ₁	V ₄	W ₄	X ₈	Y ₄	Z ₁₀	

spelling word	values	total
blacken	$3 + 1 + 1 + 3 + 5 + 1 + 1 =$	15
brighten		
flatten		
lengthen		
mistaken		
straighten		
shorten		
thicken		
tighten		
toughen		

Challenge Task

Which two words score the most? Use them in question sentences.

Answers

A ₁	B ₃	C ₃	D ₂	E ₁	F ₄	G ₂	H ₄	I ₁
J ₈	K ₅	L ₁	M ₃	N ₁	O ₁	P ₃	Q ₁₀	R ₁
S ₁	T ₁	U ₁	V ₄	W ₄	X ₈	Y ₄	Z ₁₀	

spelling word	values	total
blacken	$3 + 1 + 1 + 3 + 5 + 1 + 1 =$	15
brighten	$3 + 1 + 1 + 2 + 4 + 1 + 1 + 1 =$	14
flatten	$4 + 1 + 1 + 1 + 1 + 1 + 1 =$	10
lengthen	$1 + 1 + 1 + 2 + 1 + 4 + 1 + 1 =$	12
mistaken	$3 + 1 + 1 + 1 + 1 + 5 + 1 + 1 =$	14
straighten	$1 + 1 + 1 + 1 + 1 + 2 + 4 + 1 + 1 + 1 =$	14
shorten	$1 + 4 + 1 + 1 + 1 + 1 + 1 =$	10
thicken	$1 + 4 + 1 + 3 + 5 + 1 + 1 =$	16
tighten	$1 + 1 + 2 + 4 + 1 + 1 + 1 =$	11
toughen	$1 + 1 + 1 + 2 + 4 + 1 + 1 =$	11

Challenge Task

Which two words score the most? Use them in question sentences.

Accept any question sentence that contain the word 'straighten' and 'thicken', e.g.

Would you like me to straighten your hair? AND Do you think that some flour would thicken this sauce?