

# Varied Fluency

## Step 1: Root Words, Prefixes and Suffixes

### National Curriculum Objectives:

English Year 3: (3G6.4) [Word families based on common words, showing how words are related in form and meaning \[for example, solve, solution, solver, dissolve, insoluble\]](#)

Terminology for pupils:

- (3G6.4) [word family](#)

### Differentiation:

**Developing** Questions to support identifying root words, prefixes and suffixes, using the prefix 'un' and suffixes '-es', '-s', '-er', '-ing'. Words are primarily taken from KS1 spelling objectives.

**Expected** Questions to support identifying root words, prefixes and suffixes, using the prefixes 'super-', 'anti-', 'auto-' and the suffixes '-er', '-ful', '-less', '-est' and 'ly'. Words included are taken from the Year 3 and Year 4 expectations.

**Greater Depth** Questions to support identifying root words, prefixes and suffixes, using the prefixes 'super-', 'anti-', 'auto-', 'dis-' and 'mis-' and the suffixes '-er', '-ful', '-less', '-est' and 'ly'. Words included are primarily from the Year 3 and Year 4 expectation but also included more uncommon words.

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1a. Underline the root word in the following words.

shouts                      knowing  
keeper                      untold



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1b. Underline the root word in the following words.

going                      gardener  
beds                      unending



VF

2a. Circle the prefix or suffix in each word.

planting                      longer

unkind



VF

2b. Circle the prefix or suffix in each word.

heading                      eggs

greener



VF

3a. Circle the suffix that can be added to all of the root words below.

-es                      -ing                      -est

fox                      horse                      cloth



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3b. Circle the suffix that can be added to all of the root words below.

-ing                      -er                      -s

school                      king                      dog



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4a. Complete the sentences below by choosing the correct word.

rounds                      rounding                      rounder

My head is \_\_\_\_\_ than yours.

In maths we use \_\_\_\_\_ to help us with numbers.

He played three \_\_\_\_\_ of golf.



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4b. Complete the sentences below by choosing the correct word.

winder                      winds                      unwind

People can use a yarn \_\_\_\_\_ to wind balls of yarn.

He had to \_\_\_\_\_ the ball of string.

The cat \_\_\_\_\_ through the grass.



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5a. Underline the root word in the following words.

planting

builder

weightless

limited

appearing

unheard



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5b. Underline the root word in the following words.

joyful

covered

useless

helper

acting

unfriendly



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6a. Circle the prefix or suffix in each word.

teacher

unkind

earliest

superstar

heartless



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6b. Circle the prefix or suffix in each word.

learner

largest

playful

autograph

slowly



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7a. Circle the prefix or suffix that can be added to all of the root words below.

super-

-ful

-est

cheer

help

use



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7b. Circle the prefix or suffix that can be added to all of the root words below.

-ly

-er

-less

build

train

sing



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8a. Complete the sentences below by choosing the correct word.

superpower

powerful

powerless

The lion was \_\_\_\_\_ and strong.

The main hero had a cool \_\_\_\_\_.

The team were \_\_\_\_\_ against the champions.



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8b. Complete the sentences below by choosing the correct word.

laziest

lazier

lazily

He is becoming \_\_\_\_\_ each day.

His legs were swinging \_\_\_\_\_ below him.

She was the \_\_\_\_\_ girl I knew.



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9a. Underline the root word in the following words.

distaste

misspell

antifreeze

misalign

supermarket

thankless



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9b. Underline the root word in the following words.

cheerful

unhelpful

autopilot

mistrust

supernatural

disappear



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10a. Circle the prefix or suffix in each word.

autobiography

anticlockwise

dislike



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10b. Circle the prefix or suffix in each word.

disagree

antibody

misjudge



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11a. Circle the prefix or suffix that can be added to all of the root words below.

-less

dis-

mis-

obey

connect

honest



VF

11b. Circle the prefix or suffix that can be added to all of the root words below.

anti-

-ly

super-

human

star

market



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12a. Complete the sentence below by adding a prefix and a suffix to the root word.

appoint

The team were extremely \_\_\_\_\_ when they lost the match in the final ten minutes.



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12b. Complete the sentence below by adding a prefix and a suffix to the root word.

trust

They were \_\_\_\_\_ of the people who had just entered the shop.



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Developing

- 1a. **shout; know; keep; told**
- 2a. **-ing; -er; un-**
- 3a. **-es**
- 4a. **rounder; rounding; rounds**

Expected

- 5a. **plant; build; weight; limit; appear; heard**
- 6a. **-er; un-; -est; super-; -less**
- 7a. **-ful**
- 8a. **powerful; superpower; powerless**

Greater Depth

- 9a. **taste; spell; freeze; align; market; thank**
- 10a. **auto-; anti-; dis-**
- 11a. **dis-**
- 12a. **disappointed**

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Developing

- 1b. **go; garden; bed; end**
- 2b. **-ing; -s; -er**
- 3b. **-s**
- 4b. **winder; unwind; winds**

Expected

- 5b. **joy; cover; use; help; act; friend**
- 6b. **-er; -est; -ful; auto-; -ly**
- 7b. **-er**
- 8b. **lazier; lazily; laziest**

Greater Depth

- 9b. **cheer; help; pilot; trust; natural; appear**
- 10b. **dis-; anti-; mis-**
- 11b. **super-**
- 12b. **distrustful**