Books Get Mended

Use word endings to unlock longer words.

CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RF.3.3b "Decode words with common Latin suffixes."

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1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline every word that ends in -able, -ment, -tion, or -ity. These endings can help you read and understand longer words.

A Book's Second Life

1. At the town library, damaged books do not always go to the trash. Ms. Inez leads a book repair station each Friday. She checks for loose pages, torn covers, and bent corners. Her careful work gives many books a second life. A repaired book can be readable again, so another child can borrow it for enjoyment.

2. First, Ms. Inez makes a list of supplies. Clear tape is useful for a small tear, while a special glue helps with a loose page. She uses a ruler to keep the tape straight. Then she writes a short note inside the cover. The note tells readers that the book has had a repair, not a replacement.

3. Book repair is a helpful way to reduce waste. It also teaches responsibility. When readers return books on time and handle them gently, fewer books need fixing. The library's collection stays stronger, and the community saves money. Ms. Inez says every repaired book is a small reminder that materials can be valuable for a long time.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. In the word readable, which ending is the suffix, and what does readable mean?

2. The passage says children can borrow books for enjoyment. Which ending is in enjoyment, and what does enjoyment mean here?

3. The word replacement ends in -ment. What does replacement mean in the second paragraph?

4. The library's collection ends in -tion. What is a collection in this passage?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Write two sentences about an activity or an object. Use a word ending in -ment in one sentence and a word ending in -able in the other. Underline each suffix.

ANSWER KEY

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GRADE 3 · RF.3.3b

PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline every word that ends in -able, -ment, -tion, or -ity. These endings can help you read and understand longer words. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	In the word readable, which ending is the suffix, and what does readable mean?	**The suffix is -able. Readable means able to be read.**
2	The passage says children can borrow books for enjoyment. Which ending is in enjoyment, and what does enjoyment mean here?	**The suffix is -ment. Enjoyment means pleasure or fun.**
3	The word replacement ends in -ment. What does replacement mean in the second paragraph?	**It means something that takes the place of the old book instead of repairing it.**
4	The library's collection ends in -tion. What is a collection in this passage?	**A collection is the group of books at the library.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Running gives me plenty of movement. My washable shoes are easy to clean.

Accept sentences that use -ment and -able words correctly and show the suffixes underlined. Accept other sensible topics and vocabulary choices.