

Phonics • Suffixes **-er, -or, -ess, -ist**

Directions Add the suffix to each base word. Write the new word on the line.

1. edit + -or = editor
2. art + -ist = artist
3. conduct + -or = conductor
4. lion + -ess = lioness
5. sell + -er = seller

Directions Write the word from the box that best fits each definition.

- dentist 6. a doctor who cares for your teeth
- shipper 7. one who ships packages
- tutor 8. a private teacher
- chemist 9. a scientist in the field of chemistry
- hostess 10. a woman who greets restaurant guests

chemist
dentist
hostess
shipper
tutor

Directions Add the suffix **-er, -or, -ess, or -ist** to the base word in () to complete each sentence. Use the words in the box to help. Write the word on the line.

- swimmer 11. Gertrude Ederle was the first woman (swim) to swim across the English Channel.
- instructor 12. Many thought her coach was the greatest swimming (instruct) in the world.
- actress 13. After she became famous, Ederle was offered work as an (act), but she declined.
- tourist 14. Instead, she traveled as a (tour).
- teacher 15. Later, Ederle became a swimming (teach) for deaf children.

actress
instructor
swimmer
teacher
tourist



Home Activity Your child formed and wrote words with the suffixes **-er, -or, -ess, and -ist**. Together, think of additional job-related words that end with **-er, -or, -ess, or -ist** (such as *doctor, countess, biologist, police officer*). Help your child write a paragraph explaining which jobs sound most interesting to him or her and why.