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Spelling

Focus

- The suffix **-ic** means “of, relating to, or possessing the characteristics of.” Words that end in the suffix **-ic** are adjectives. Example: *artistic* means “relating to art”
- When adding an ending that begins with a vowel, such as **-er**, **-es**, or **-ed**, to a word ending in a consonant and a **y**, change the **y** to an **i** and then add the appropriate ending. Example : *windy* becomes *windier*.

Practice

oceanic	realistic	historic	poetic	mercy
heavy	supplies	heavier	merciful	supply

Read each sentence below. Circle the word in parentheses that is spelled correctly. Then, write the word on the line.

1. The box filled with books was the (heavjest, heaviest) of all. _____
2. The tyrant showed no (mercy, merci) to the citizens of the village. _____
3. The (oceanic, osheanic) voyage was about to begin. _____
4. Her expectations for the game were not (realistic, reelistic). _____
5. The group’s (supplies, supplys) were running low after a month. _____
6. The results of Lewis and Clark’s expedition were (historic, historyc). _____
7. Her description of the sunset was (poetic, poetyk). _____
8. There was a large (supply, suppli) of food gathered for the trip. _____
9. I did not expect the box to be so (heavy, hevvy). _____
10. The monarch proved to be (mercyfull, merciful) as he pardoned the young man.
