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Spelling

Focus

- A base word family is a family of words that share a base word. A base word can take many different forms when different prefixes, suffixes, and roots are added. The words in a base word family can be nouns, verbs, adjectives, or adverbs. When you know the meaning of a base word, you can begin to find the meanings of the words in the base word family.
- A suffix is a word part that is added to the end of a base or root word. The **suffix -ness** means the “state or quality of,” or “capable or worthy of.” The spelling of the base word to which **-ness** is added does not change, unless it ends with a *y*. In this case, change the *y* to *i*, and then add **-ness**.

Practice

happiness	carrier	colonial	timeliness	sluggishness
carriage	colonist	wickedness	colonization	coarseness

Read each word below. If the word is misspelled, write the correct spelling word on the line. If the word is spelled correctly, write *correct* on the line.

1. thymeleeness _____
2. carrier _____
3. kolonizashun _____
4. wikidnuss _____
5. happiness _____
6. colonist _____
7. slugeshness _____
8. kuloneal _____
9. careuj _____
10. coarseness _____