

The King of Mazy May (page 148)**Spelling SkillBuilder****Words Spelled with -er and -or**

The suffixes *-er* and *-or* both mean “one who does.” These suffixes can be added to nouns or verbs to form new nouns. For example, *navigate* can be changed to *navigator*, (“one who navigates”). The letter *t* often precedes *-or*. When one of these suffixes is added to a word with a final silent *e*, the *e* is dropped.

A. Add the suffix *-er* or *-or* to the following words. If a silent *e* needs to be dropped, cross it out. You may need to double a final consonant before adding the suffix. Look up all your words in a dictionary to see if you spelled them correctly.

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| 1. run _____ | 9. invade _____ |
| 2. speak _____ | 10. manage _____ |
| 3. spectate _____ | 11. investigate _____ |
| 4. direct _____ | 12. drive _____ |
| 5. collect _____ | 13. operate _____ |
| 6. write _____ | 14. officiate _____ |
| 7. animate _____ | 15. shop _____ |
| 8. pursue _____ | |

B. Choose from the words that you created in exercise A to complete these sentences. You may need to change the form of the word, such as by making it plural, to fit the sentence.

1. The _____ were chasing Walt over the ice toward Dawson.
2. Not content to be a mere _____, Walt took action to stop the claim-jumpers.
3. Walt acted like an _____ when he followed the men and observed their actions.
4. It was common for the _____ of a sled to get off and run beside the sled to keep warm.
5. Jack London is the _____ of “The King of Mazy May.”