

Poems -- Build Vocabulary

Spelling Strategy Do not double the letters *w*, *h*, *x*, or *y* at the end of a word before adding an ending such as *-ing* or *-ed*. For example, adding *-ed* to the word *box* forms the word *boxed*.

Using the Suffix *-ly*

The suffix *-ly* is often used to turn adjectives into adverbs that describe “how or in what manner.” For example, the word *meticulous* means “very careful or thorough,” so the word *meticulously* means “in a very careful or thorough manner.”

A. DIRECTIONS: Define the italicized words using your understanding of the suffix *-ly* as well as clues provided in the sentences.

1. Rough waves splashed *repeatedly* into our small boat.
2. The tiger snarled *savagely* at the explorers in the jungle.
3. When he had missed his bus every morning, we asked why he was *habitually* late.
4. The music was *excessively* loud, so we left the auditorium.

Using the Word Bank

B. DIRECTIONS: Match each word in the left column with its definition in the right column. Write the letter of the definition on the line next to the word it defines.

- ____ 1. submerged a. branched out in different directions
- ____ 2. specters b. agreeably
- ____ 3. unpalatable c. threatening
- ____ 4. harness d. wasting time
- ____ 5. diverged e. underwater
- ____ 6. ominous f. very carefully
- ____ 7. amicably g. attach, as with straps
- ____ 8. dallying h. distasteful
- ____ 9. meticulously i. phantoms