

Exercises with the Base *fin* Teacher's Version

The base *fin* means "End, complete." Use the prefixes, suffixes, and base to construct the words described below. Boundaries between elements are marked with heavy vertical lines. Spaces for you to fill in are marked with a grey background. Instances of <e> deletion are filled in as *é*.

Suffixes:

- al) Forms adjectives and nouns
- ation) Forms nouns

- er) Forms nouns "One that does"
- ist) Forms nouns
- ity) Forms nouns
- s) Forms plural nouns

- ed) Forms past tense and past participle verbs
- ing) Forms present participle verbs
- ish) Forms verbs
- ize) Forms verbs

- ly) Forms adverbs from adjectives

Prefixes:

- (pre- "Before, ahead of"
- (re- "Again, back"
- (un- "Not"

Base:

- semi "Half"

Teacher: In the *fin* words below with suffixes that start with vowels, a sharp-eyed student may well ask why there is no twinning in any of them. Such a student deserves praise: To spot an apparent exception shows mastery of a rule. But point out to him or her that twinning only occurs when we are adding a suffix to a word, and that this <fin> is not a word; it is not the same as the *fin* of a fish or airplane. For more see "Twinning" and "Bases" in the [Compendium of English Orthography](#).

f	i	n	a	l
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Base + Suffix: An adjective and noun "The last"

Write the word: _____ final _____

f	i	n	a	l	s
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Base + Suffix + Suffix: A plural noun "The last ones, especially tests and competitions"

Write the word: _____ finals _____

f	i	n	a	l	l	y
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Base + Suffix + Suffix: An adverb "At the end"

Write the word: finally

f	i	n	a	l	i	s	t
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Base + Suffix + Suffix: A noun "One who is in the last competitions"

Write the word: finalist

f	i	n	a	l	i	t	y
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Base + Suffix + Suffix: A noun "The state of being at the end, completed"

Write the word: finality

f	i	n	a	l	i	z	e
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Base + Suffix + Suffix: A verb "To complete"

Write the word: finalize

f	i	n	a	l	i	z	é	e	d
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Base + Suffix + Suffix + Suffix: A past tense or past participle verb "Completed"

Write the word: finalized

Teacher: That <e> is deleted because the suffix following it begins with a vowel. For more on deleting final <e>'s see "Silent final <e>, functions and deletion" in the [Compendium of English Orthography](#).

f	i	n	a	l	i	z	é	i	n	g
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Base + Suffix + Suffix + Suffix: A present participle verb "Completing"

Write the word: finalizing

f	i	n	a	l	i	z	é	e	r
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Base + Suffix + Suffix + Suffix: A noun "One who completes"

Write the word: finalizer

f	i	n	a	l	i	z	é	a	t	i	o	n
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Base + Suffix + Suffix + Suffix: A noun "The act of completing"

Write the word: finalization

s	e	m	i	f	i	n	a	l	s
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Base + Base + Suffix + Suffix: A plural noun "The round before the championship round"

Write the word: semifinals

f	i	n	i	s	h
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Base + Suffix: A verb "To complete"

Write the word: finish

r	e	f	i	n	i	s	h
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Prefix + Base + Suffix: A verb "To complete again"

Write the word: refinish

u	n	f	i	n	i	s	h	e	d
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Prefix + Base + Suffix + Suffix: A past participle verb "Not completed"

Write the word: unfinished

p	r	e	f	i	n	i	s	h	i	n	g
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Prefix + Base + Suffix + Suffix: A present participle verb with the sense "Before, ahead of"

Write the word: prefinishing