

Prefixes & Suffixes

em- en- & -ist -ism

Focus Words

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| empathise | dentist | cartoonist | entitlement |
| engage | enhance | optimism | stylist |
| criticism | professionalism | absenteeism | employment |

1. Choose the correct word from the list above to complete each sentence.

- a. He maintained his _____, believing that everything would work out in the end.
- b. She received a promotion for always displaying _____ at work.
- c. The _____ created a caricature of a local politician.
- d. Jared finally found a job after months of searching for _____.
- e. The _____ detected a small cavity in one of her patient's molars.

2. Rewrite the focus words in alphabetical order.

3. Use the following words in sentences.

- a. *enforce* - _____
- b. *emergency* - _____
- c. *cyclist* - _____

4. Write the focus word that matches each clue.

Judging of someone or something:

a. _____

To get involved in something:

b. _____

To start a new journey:

c. _____

To improve something:

d. _____

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absenteeism, cartoonist, criticism, dentist, embark, empathise, employment, engage, enhance, entitlement, optimism, professionalism, stylist

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a. **criticism**

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b. **engage**

To start a new journey:

c. **embark**

To improve something:

d. **enhance**