Derivational Suffixes Worksheet

A suffix is a series of letters that can be placed at the end of a word to make a new word. An example would be adding the the suffix "-ize" on to the root "terror", making the word now "terrorize".

Derivational suffixes change the meaning of words; and usually the part of speech.

Directions: Write the original meaning of the word. Add the indicated suffix, add spelling changes to write the new word. Lastly, write the meaning of the new word.

1. explore + -ation

   Meaning = _______________________________________________

   New word when prefix is added = _________________

   Meaning of new word = __________________________________

2. hesitate + -ation

   Meaning = ____________________________________________

   New word when prefix is added = _________________

   Meaning of new word = __________________________________
3. persuade + -sion

Meaning = _________________________________

New word when prefix is added = _______________

Meaning of new word = _________________________________

4. jealous + -y

Meaning = _________________________________

New word when prefix is added = _______________

Meaning of new word = _________________________________

5. victor + -y

Meaning = _________________________________

New word when prefix is added = _______________

Meaning of new word = _________________________________

6. imagine + -ary

Meaning = _________________________________

New word when prefix is added = _______________

Meaning of new word = _________________________________