

Name _____



Suffix Safari

Read each safari passage carefully. Change the base word in parentheses by **dropping the final silent e** and adding the suffix shown. Write the correctly spelled word in the blank. **Spelling Rule:** Drop the final silent **e** before adding **-ing**, **-ed**, **-er**, or **-est**.

1. Morning at Camp - Before sunrise, the guides were **(1)** _____ supplies into the safari vehicles. (*place + ing*)

One guide **(2)** _____ when a curious monkey peeked inside a backpack. (*smile + ed*)

The newer vehicle was much **(3)** _____ than the older one on the rocky trail. (*safe + er*)

2. Across the Grasslands - The group was **(4)** _____ slowly past a herd of grazing zebras. (*drive + ing*)

Everyone **(5)** _____ toward a giraffe standing beside an acacia tree. (*wave + ed*)

Of all the animals nearby, the giraffe was the **(6)** _____. (*large + est*)

3. The River Crossing - A young elephant was **(7)** _____ through the shallow water beside its mother. (*wade + ing*)

The ranger **(8)** _____ the gate after every vehicle crossed safely. (*close + ed*)

The second crossing point was **(9)** _____ than the narrow path upstream. (*wide + er*)

4. Wildlife Rescue - The rescue team was **(10)** _____ a trapped antelope from a muddy ditch. (*save + ing*)

A veterinarian **(11)** _____ the animal carefully before releasing it. (*examine + ed*)

Everyone agreed that the youngest ranger had made the **(12)** _____ choice. (*brave + est*)