The Suffix –er

The suffix –er can be added to some verbs to make nouns. The noun feeder in “Build a Bird Feeder” was formed by adding –er to the verb feed. Feed means “to give food.” Feeder means “a container that gives food.”

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If a verb ends in e, drop the e before adding the –er.

Write the word from the word box that finishes each sentence.

builder  leader  server
helper  owner  teacher

1. Math is my favorite subject. When I grow up, I want to give young children lessons in math. I want to be a ________________.
2. Tanya likes to put together model ships. She is a ________________.
3. My dad asked me to carry one end of a box. We moved it outside. I was my dad’s ________________.
4. Georgia found a bicycle in front of her house. She didn’t know whose bike it was. She wanted to return the bike to its ________________.
5. We sat at a table and ordered our meals. Soon, the ________________ brought us our food.
6. It was Tan’s turn to stand at the front of the line and take the students outside. He was the line ________________.

Challenge

Work in a small group. Look up the words polluter, publisher, broadcaster, and manager in a dictionary. Then write and present a skit that shows the meanings of these words.