

# SUFFIX



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Adding a suffix to the end of a word changes its meaning.

suffix	meaning	examples
-er	a person or thing that does something	runner, entertainer
-less	not having	wireless, hopeless
-able	able to be done	likeable, doable
-hood	a particular state or condition	childhood
-ness	a particular state or condition	kindness

Some suffixes change verbs into nouns.

suffix	meaning	verb	noun
-er	a person or thing that does something	teach	teacher
-or	a person or thing that does something	act	actor
-ment	nouns of action or purpose	enjoy	enjoyment
-ant/-ent	someone who does something	attend	attendant
-tion -ation	nouns of action or condition	direct inform	direction information

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Some suffixes change nouns into verbs.

suffix	meaning	noun	verb
-ise	(verb ending)	apology	apologise

Some suffixes change adjectives into adverbs.

suffix	meaning	adjective	adverb
-ly	(adverb ending)	quick	quickly

Some suffixes change nouns into adjectives.

suffix	meaning	noun	adjective
-ous	possessing the qualities of	danger	dangerous
-ful	full or full of	play	playful
-less	not having / without	fear	fearless