

## Sco 5: Word Formation

### Key Words and Concepts:

- ian/ean: a suffix that makes adjectives, for example "Asian"
- ly: a suffix that makes adverbs, for example "carefully"
- self: a suffix that makes reflexive pronouns, for example "herself"
- y: a suffix that makes adjectives, for example "salty"
- able: a suffix that makes adjectives, for example "controllable"
- er: a suffix that makes comparative adjectives, for example, "hotter"

### P1. Instructional objectives:

1. Knowing how to use some suffixes such as -ian/ean, -ly, -self, -y, -ly, -able, and -er
2. Learning how to change one part of speech into another type

### P2: Introduction

The study of words, in addition to helping a person increase his vocabulary, can be extremely interesting—and even fun. Below, some useful suffixes are introduced. If you study these word parts carefully, you will increase your knowledge of words. In your reading also pay attention to the structure of words whose meanings you do not know.

**-ian/ean:** born in or living in; believing in  
England and France are in Europe. They are European Countries.

**-ly: in the manner of; this word tells how**  
John is a quick runner. He runs very quickly.

**-self: referring to the same person or thing**  
Ali was cutting the apple with a knife. Ali cut himself.

**-y: (adjective) the existence or condition of**  
There is a lot of wind in the Spring here. It is very windy in the Spring here.

**-able: (adjective) capable of**  
The chair gives you comfort. It is a comfortable chair.

**-er: (adjective) more**  
Reza is tall, but Amin is very tall. In other words, Amin is taller than Reza.

### P3. Multiple-choice items

**[Instruction: Complete each word in the following sentences by choosing the appropriate suffix. You are allowed to move on to the next section after answering 4 items correctly.]**

1. I looked at the mirror and saw my----.
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| a. -self | b. -able |
| c. -ly   | d. -er   |

2. This book costs 10 dollars and that one costs 20 dollars. In other words, this book is cheap----.

- a. -able
- b. -ean
- c. -ly
- d. -er

3. The word water in English cannot be counted. In other words, it is uncount---- .

- a. -ly
- b. -y
- c. -able
- d. -er

4. You cannot drink the water from the ocean because it is salt----.

- a. -ly
- b. -er
- c. -able
- d. -y

5. To pass the exam, you should study as careful---- as you can.

- a. -er
- b. -able
- c. -y
- d. -ly