**Suffixes**

The final word part we’ll discuss is, fittingly, the suffix. A ***suffix*** is added to the end of a word. Similar to a prefix, a suffix adds meaning to the root word. However, the meaning is often grammatical, telling us the part of speech or the function of the word; seldom does it change the actual meaning of the word in the way that prefixes do. Suffixes are attached to verbs, nouns, adverbs, and adjectives. It is well-worth the effort involved to become familiar with all the items on this list.

**ADJECTIVE SUFFIXES**

**Suffix Meaning Example**

*able* capable of affordable

*ant* tendency to dominant, mordant

*ative* tendency to innovative

*ent* tendency to persistent

*etic* relating to sympathetic

*ful* full of harmful

*ible* capable discernible

*ical* relating to identical

*less* without harmless

*ous* full of famous

*ry* occupation ministry

*some* tendency to bothersome

*y* a quality of being arbitrary

**NOUN SUFFIXES**

**Suffix Meaning Example**

*ary* place library

*ation* process population

*cule* small minuscule, corpuscle

*dom*  state of being wisdom

*er* one who does teacher

*hood* state of being manhood

*ist* one who does geologist

*ly* like, similar to manly

*ment* state of being contentment

*ness* state of being happiness

*ous* full of enormous

*ry* occupation dentistry

*ship* state of being citizenship

**ADVERB SUFFIXES**

**Suffix Meaning Example**

*ly*  the way predictably

*ways* the way sideways

*wise* the way otherwise

**VERB SUFFIXES**

**Suffix Meaning Example**

*ade*  action or process persuade

*ate* to make accentuate

*en* to make broaden

*ish* action or process flourish

*ize* to make emphasize