

# English Morphology

## Derivational and Inflectional

We looked at inflectional morphology:

- Nouns
  - Plural
  - Possessive
- Adjectives
  - Comparative
  - Superlative
- Verbs
  - 3<sup>rd</sup>-sg present agreement maker
  - Past Tense
  - Past Participle Maker
  - Present Participle Marker

## English Noun Derivational Suffixes

-ness  
happiness

-age  
breakage

-cy  
decency

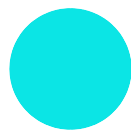
-ery  
robbery

-ism  
racism

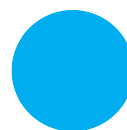
## English Noun Derivational Suffixes

-er { -er }

- farmer, writer, hiker, reader<sup>1</sup>, drawer<sup>1</sup>, ... ← agentive
- Londoner, Winnipegger, villager, foreigner, ... ← residential/locative
- printer, toaster, heater, freezer, ... ← instrumental
- page-turner, reader<sup>2</sup>, ... ← thematic
- drawer<sup>2</sup>, triple-decker, porker, ... ← other



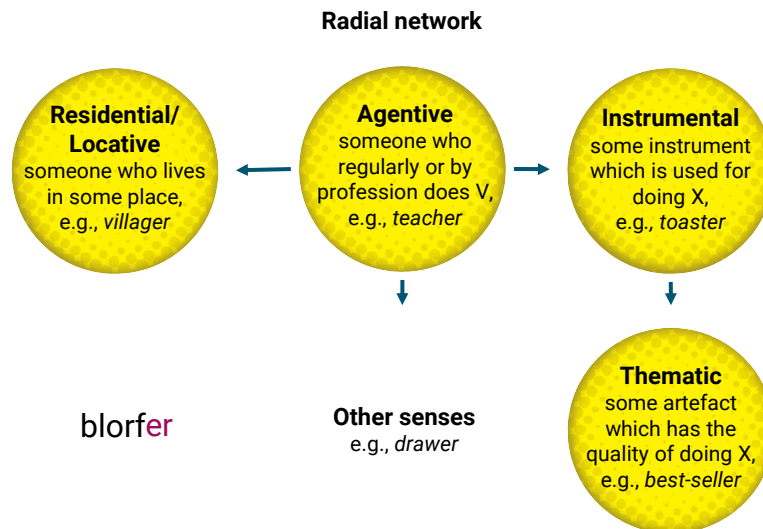
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bluer ← comparative  
(inflectional)

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## English Derivational Noun Suffix {-er}



## English Verb Derivational Suffixes

-ate  
activate

-fy  
liquify

-en  
widen

-ize  
rubberize

## English Adjective Derivational Prefixes

un-

unattractive

anti-

anti-racist

in-

ineligible

All of these have the general tendency to oppose the original adjective.

## English Noun Derivational Prefixes

ex-

ex-husband

anti-

anti-racism

pro-

pro-choice