Suffixes

A suffix is a letter or a group of letters that is attached to the end of a word to form a new word, as well as alter the way it functions grammatically.

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| **SUFFIX** | **MEANING** | **EXAMPLES** |
| -acy | state or quality | accuracy, democracy, lunacy |
| -al | having the form or character of | colonial, fiscal, thermal |
| -ate | become | mediate, collaborate, create |
| -en | become | sharpen, strengthen, loosen |
| -ful | notable for | playful, hopeful, skillful |
| -ible | capable of being | audible, edible, incredible |
| -ical | having the form or character of | psychological, methodical, musical |
| -ify | make or become | justify, simplify, magnify |
| -ist | person or object that does a specified action | protagonist, theorist, communist |
| -ity | quality of | extremity, validity, enormity |
| -ive | having the nature of | inquisitive, informative, attentive |
| -ize | become | publicize, synthesize, hypnotize |
| -less | without | meaningless, hopeless, homeless |
| -ly | related to or quality | softly, slowly, happily, crazily, madly |
| -ment | condition | enchantment, argument, management |
| -ness | state of being | heaviness, highness, sickness |
| -or | person or object that does a specified action | creator, inventor, collaborator |
| -ship | position held | friendship, hardship, internship |
| -wards | direction | towards, afterwards, backwards |
| -wise | in relation to | otherwise, likewise, clockwise |