

WORD FORMATION - SUFFIXES

- We often add **SUFFIXES** like: **-EE**, **-ER**, **-ATION**, **-ION**, **-MENT**, etc. to verbs to create new nouns.

Verb → New noun
Employ → employment

Verb → New noun
collect → collection

Verb → New noun
inform → information

- We often add **SUFFIXES** like: **-NESS** or **-ILITY** to adjectives and in that way we make nouns.

Adjective → Noun
Dark → darkness

Adjective → Noun
aware → awareness

Adjective → Noun
probable → probability

- We often add **SUFFIXES** like: **-AL**, **-ISH**, **-ESE**, **-IAN** to nouns to create adjectives.

Noun → Adjective
Child → childish

Noun → Adjective
China → Chinese

Noun → Adjective
music → musical

- Other suffixes are: **-ISM** (expresses abstract ideas) → materialism, capitalism;

-ER (refers to occupations) → footballer, employer;

-FUL (being "full of") → hopeful, beautiful;

-LESS (being "without") → useless, jobless

A

MATCH THE SUFFIXES (a-g) WITH THE WORDS (1-7) TO MAKE NEW WORDS.

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| 1. art | a. ment | _____ |
| 2. box | b. -er | _____ |
| 3. capital | c. -ees | _____ |
| 4. disappoint | d. -ful | _____ |
| 5. employ | e. -ism | _____ |
| 6. faith | f. -ist | _____ |
| 7. penny | g. -less | _____ |

B

INSERT THE CORRECT "TITLE" FOR EACH GROUP OF WORDS WITH ADDED SUFFIXES BELOW.

General ideas	Being "full of"	Female
Being "without"	Occupations	People & Ideas

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| 1. General Ideas | 2. _____ | 3. _____ |
| Communism | communist | waiter |
| Materialism | materialist | boxer |
| Socialism | socialist | footballer |
| 4. _____ | 5. _____ | 6. _____ |
| Lioness | useful | useless |
| Waitress | faithful | faithless |
| Actress | helpful | helpless |

C

ADD THE CORRECT SUFFIX TO EACH WORD

-ful -ation -ese -ian -ion -ment -ness

VERB	+	SUFFIX	=	NEW WORD
Agree	+	_____	=	_____
Disappoint	+	_____	=	_____
Inform	+	_____	=	_____
Collect	+	_____	=	_____
Employ	+	_____	=	_____
ADJECTIVE	+	SUFFIX	=	NEW WORD
Happy	+	_____	=	_____
Sad	+	_____	=	_____
Dark	+	_____	=	_____
Kind	+	_____	=	_____
NOUN	+	SUFFIX	=	NEW WORD
Faith	+	_____	=	_____
Japan	+	_____	=	_____
Egypt	+	_____	=	_____

D

COMPLETE THE SENTENCES ADDING THE CORRECT SUFFIX TO THE WORDS IN BRACKETS.

- He is a very good _____. He scores a lot of goals. (football)
- I never go out alone at night! I'm afraid of _____. (dark)
- The boss respects her a lot. She's an excellent _____. (employ)
- I'll let you know if I receive additional _____. (inform)
- My cousin has an amazing _____ of stamps. (collect)
- I will never get that job. I'm _____ (hope)
- He comes from Egypt. He's an _____ (Egypt)
- This grammar book is excellent. There are many _____ exercises there. (use)
- A _____ is a female lion. (lion)