

# WORD FORMATION - SUFFIXES

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

Verb → New noun ; Verb → New noun ; Verb → New noun  
Employ → employment ; collect → collection ; inform → information

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

Adjective → Noun ; Adjective → Noun ; Adjective → Noun  
Dark → darkness ; aware → awareness ; probable → probability

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

Noun → Adjective ; Noun → Adjective ; Noun → Adjective  
Child → childish ; China → Chinese ; 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)