

language focus

suffixes

- A **suffix** is a group of two or more letters added to the end of a word.
meaning (n) + ful = meaningful (adj)
flower (n) + ing = flowering (adj)
clear (adj) + ly = clearly (adv)
excite (v) + ment = excitement (n)
- Suffixes change word class.
manage (v) and management (n)
- Suffixes can sometimes change meaning.
care and careless
- The spelling changes when we add a suffix to a word.

1 Jobs.

Some suffixes are used to describe people and their jobs. Look through the unit, find two more jobs which have the following suffixes and write them in the boxes. Work in your groups.

-er

teacher

-or

translator

-ist

journalist

-ian

musician