WORD FORMATION - SUFFIXES

- Suffixes are syllables which we add to the end of certain words to form new words.

SUFFIX	NOUNS REFFERING TO PEOPLE	EXAMPLE
-er / -or / -ar	verb + -er / -or / -ar	paint – painter invent – inventor lie – liar
-ist	noun / verb / adjective + ist	novel – novelist type – typist real – realist
-ant / -ent	verb + -ant / -ent	participate – participant study – student
-ian	noun + -ian	library – librarian
-ee	verb + -ee	train – trainee

SUFFIX	NOUNS FORMED FROM VERBS	EXAMPLE
-age	verb + -age	waste – wastage
-al	verb + -al	deny – denial
-ance	verb + -ance	perform – performance
-ence	verb + -ence	occur – occurrence
-ation	verb + -ation	narrate – narration
-ion	verb + -ion	elect – election
-ment	verb + -ment	require – requirement
-sion	verb + -sion	permit – permission
-sis	verb + -sis	base – basis
-tion	verb + -tion	reduce – reduction
-ure	verb + -ure	sculpt – sculpture
-y	verb + -y	discover – discovery

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SUFFIX	NOUNS FORMED FROM ADJECTIVES	EXAMPLE
-ance	adjective + -ance	important – importance
-cy	adjective + -cy	accurate – accuracy
-ence	adjective + -ence	present – presence
-ion	adjective + -ion	complete – completion
-iness	adjective + -iness	easy – easiness
-ness	adjective + -ness	loud – loudness
-ity	adjective + -ity	regular – regularity
-ty	adjective + -ty	casual – casualty
-y	adjective + -y	jealous – jealousy

SUFFIX	ADJECTIVES FORMED FROM NOUNS	EXAMPLE
-ous	noun + -ous	glamour – glamorous
-al	noun + -al	option – optional
-ic	noun + -ic	economy – economic
-ical	noun + -ical	history – historical
-ish	noun + -ish	child – childish
-ive	noun + -ive	mass – massive
-ful	noun + -ful	skill – skillful
-less	noun + -less	care – careless
-able	noun + -able	comfort – comfortable
-y	noun + -y	storm – stormy
-ly	noun + -ly	mother – motherly

SUFFIX	ADJECTIVES FORMED FROM VERBS	EXAMPLE
-able	verb + -able	rely – reliable
-ible	verb + -ible	convert – convertible
-ive	verb + -ive	restrict – restrictive
-ate	verb + -ate	consider – considerate
-ent	verb + -ent	excel – excellent

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SUFFIX	VERBS FORMED FROM ADJECTIVES	EXAMPLE
-en	adjective + -en	sweet – sweeten
-ise	adjective + -ise	legal – legalise

SUFFIX	VERBS FORMED FROM NOUNS	EXAMPLE
-en	noun + -en	strength – strengthen
-ify	noun + -ify	beauty – beautify

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