

WORD FORMATION - SUFFIXES

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

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| <u>Verb</u> → <u>New noun</u> | ; | <u>Verb</u> → <u>New noun</u> | ; | <u>Verb</u> → <u>New noun</u> |
| Employ → employment | | collect → collection | | inform → information |

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

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| <u>Adjective</u> → <u>Noun</u> | ; | <u>Adjective</u> → <u>Noun</u> | ; | <u>Adjective</u> → <u>Noun</u> |
| Dark → darkness | | aware → awareness | | probable → probability |

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

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| <u>Noun</u> → <u>Adjective</u> | ; | <u>Noun</u> → <u>Adjective</u> | ; | <u>Noun</u> → <u>Adjective</u> |
| 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.

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| 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)