

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.

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
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

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

VERB + SUFFIX = NEW WORD

Agree + _____ = _____
Disappoint + _____ = _____
Inform + _____ = _____
Collect + _____ = _____
Employ + _____ = _____

ADJECTIVE + SUFFIX = NEW WORD

Happy + _____ = _____
Sad + _____ = _____
Dark + _____ = _____
Kind + _____ = _____
_____ NOUN + SUFFIX = NEW WORD

1. He is a very good _____. He scores a lot of goals. (football)

2. I never go out alone at night! I'm afraid of _____. (dark)

3. The boss respects her a lot. She's an excellent _____. (employ)

4. I'll let you know if I receive additional _____. (inform)

5. My cousin has an amazing _____ of stamps. (collect)

6. I will never get that job. I'm _____. (hope)

7. He comes from Egypt. He's an _____. (Egypt)

8. This grammar book is excellent. There are many _____. (use)

9. A _____ is a female lion. (lion)