

# 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

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| <b>A</b>   | <b>MATCH THE SUFFIXES (a-g) WITH THE WORDS (1-7) TO MAKE NEW WORDS.</b> |       | <b>B</b>  | <b>INSERT THE CORRECT "TITLE" FOR EACH GROUP OF WORDS WITH ADDED SUFFIXES BELOW.</b> |                |  |
| 1. art   | a. ment   | _____ | General ideas   | Being "full of"  | Female         |  |
| 2. box   | b. -er  | _____ | Being "without"   | Occupations  | People & Ideas |  |
| 3. capital   | c. -ees   | _____ | 1. General Ideas  | 2. _____   | 3. _____       |  |
| 4. disappoint                                      | d. -ful   | _____ | Communism   | communist  | waiter         |  |
| 5. employ  | e. -ism   | _____ | Materialism   | materialist  | boxer          |  |
| 6. faith   | f. -ist   | _____ | Socialism   | socialist  | footballer     |  |
| 7. penny   | g. -less  | _____ | 4. _____  | 5. _____   | 6. _____       |  |
|  |   |       | Lioness   | useful   | useless        |  |
|  |   |       | Waitress  | faithful   | faithless      |  |
|  |   |       | Actress   | helpful  | helpless       |  |
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|  |   |       | <b>C ADD THE CORRECT SUFFIX TO EACH WORD</b>  |  |                |  |
| ful -ation -ese -ian -ion -ment -ness              |   |       | <b>D COMPLETE THE SENTENCES ADDING THE CORRECT SUFFIX TO THE WORDS IN BRACKETS.</b> |  |                |  |
| <b>VERB</b> + <b>SUFFIX</b> = <b>NEW WORD</b>      |   |       |   |  |                |  |
| Agree  | +   | _____ | 1. He is a very good _____.   | He scores a lot of   |                |  |
| Disappoint   | +   | _____ | goals. (football)   |  |                |  |
| Inform   | +   | _____ | 2. I never go out alone at night! I'm afraid of                                     |  |                |  |
| Collect  | +   | _____ | _____.  | (dark)   |                |  |
| Employ   | +   | _____ | 3. The boss respects her a lot. She's an excellent                                  |  |                |  |
| <b>ADJECTIVE</b> + <b>SUFFIX</b> = <b>NEW WORD</b> |   |       | _____.  | (employ)   |                |  |
| Happy  | +   | _____ | 4. I'll let you know if I receive additional  |  |                |  |
| Sad  | +   | _____ | _____.  | (inform)   |                |  |
| Dark   | +   | _____ | 15. My cousin has an amazing _____ of   |  |                |  |
| Kind   | +   | _____ | stamps. (collect)   |  |                |  |
| <b>NOUN</b> + <b>SUFFIX</b> = <b>NEW WORD</b>      |   |       | 16. I will never get that job. I'm _____ (hope)                                     |  |                |  |
| Faith  | +   | _____ | 17. He comes from Egypt. He's an _____ (Egypt)                                      |  |                |  |
| Japan  | +   | _____ | 18. This grammar book is excellent. There are many                                  |  |                |  |
| Egypt  | +   | _____ | _____ exercises there. (use)  |  |                |  |
|  |   |       | 19. A _____ is a female lion. (lion)  |  |                |  |