

★ Word Study · Lesson 7

Suffixes: -ship, -ment, -less, -y, -ist

A suffix is a word part that is added to the end of a word. A suffix changes the meaning of a word. Look for suffixes to help you understand what words mean.

Suffix	Meaning	Example
-ship	state of being; rank of	hardship
-ment	action or process	movement
-less	lack of	cloudless
-y	full of	leaky
-ist	one who is or practices	organist



A Study the chart above. Then use it to complete each sentence.

- Someone who plays the organ is an _____.
- A lack of clouds means the sky is _____.
- A house that is full of leaks is _____.
- The process of moving is _____.
- If times are hard, people suffer _____.

B Read the words in the box, then follow the directions.

- Write the words with the suffix that means "lack of."

- Write the words with the suffix that means "action or process."

- Write the words with the suffix that means "full of."

ageless placement
misty agreeable
faceless farmer
kinship
treatment
woody gloomy
agreement
fixable careless
illness

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C Read each meaning below. Add a suffix to each word in bold type to make a new word.

Meaning	Word	+	Suffix	=	New Word
1. lack of color					
2. full of rain					
3. process of developing					
4. rank of leader					
5. one who practices the violin					

D Choose a word from the box to complete each sentence. Use the clues to help you.

- The new kitten is still _____
lack of
- Ted works as a _____ for a newspaper.
one who is
- After the rain, the air turned _____
full of
- We made an _____ to see the doctor.
action or process
- Your _____ means a lot to me.
state of being

journalist
appointment
nameless
full of
friendship
steamy

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E Read each question. Then circle the best answer.

- Which one is competing? a. dentist b. finalist c. realist
- Which one is bald? a. hairless b. hairy c. hairnet
- Which one is in Washington, D.C.? a. governor b. government c. governess
- Which one is good for sailing? a. windmill b. windfall c. windy
- Which one means "playing fair"? a. sporty b. sportsmanship c. sportscaster

F Read the paragraph and circle the words with suffixes. Then answer the questions.

My mother is a naturalist and spends a lot of time in the desert. She finds great contentment in this timeless environment. I think she is lucky to get such enjoyment from her job. But as for me, I hope to get an internship with a forest ranger this summer. I think working in a cool, leafy forest would be a great arrangement.

- How does the mother feel about her job? _____
- What kinds of environments does the writer mention? _____

- Why do you think the writer prefers working with a forest ranger? _____
