

# ★ 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  
 kingship  
 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 <b>color</b>					
2. full of <b>rain</b>					
3. process of <b>developing</b>					
4. rank of <b>leader</b>					
5. one who practices the <b>violin</b>					

**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? \_\_\_\_\_