

SUFFIXES

A suffix is a letter or group of letters added to the end of a base word ; it changes the meaning of the word.

Suffix	meaning	Example
-ful	Full of , filled	grateful
-ism	Act, behavior of, mannerism of a person or thing	skepticism
-ive	Tending to, doing, able to	creative
-less	without	lusterless
-y, -ty	State of being	healthy

List Words

Successful	creative	homeless	racism
activity	powerful	passive	flaky
hopeless	ability	destructive	faithful
absenteeism	reckless	capitalism	colorful
hypnotism	chalky	criticism	harmless



chewy



colorful



racism



passive



powerful



destructive



absenteeism



homeless



harmless



faithful

Cannot cause

Causing great damage

Require much chewing

Having great power

Person living on the street

Discrimination against a person
from another ethnic group

Staying away from school for
no reason

Allow things to happen to
self without reacting

Remaining loyal and
steadfast

Variety of color

Suffixes

Match each animal to the correct definition tree