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 SUFIXES (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 INSTERT THE CORRECT "TITLE" FOR EACH GROUP OF WORDS WITH ADDED SUFIXES 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

VERB	+	SUFFIX	=	NEW WORD
Agree	+	_____	=	_____
Disappoint	+	_____	=	_____
Inform	+	_____	=	_____
Collect	+	_____	=	_____
Employ	+	_____	=	_____
ADJECTIVE	**+**	**SUFFIX**	**=**	**NEW WORD**
Happy	+	_____	=	_____
Sad	+	_____	=	_____
Dark	+	_____	=	_____
Kind	+	_____	=	_____
NOUN	**+**	**SUFFIX**	**=**	**NEW WORD**
Faith	+	_____	=	_____
Japan	+	_____	=	_____
Egypt	+	_____	=	_____

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

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 _____ exercises there. (use)
9. A_____ is a female lion. (lion)

LIVEWORKSHEETS