

Suffixation

Suffixes **alter** the word-class of the base

e.g. kind + -ness = kindness
 adjective **noun**

NOUN to NOUN suffixes

1 occupational

-ster	person engaged in an occupation	gangster
-eer		engineer
-er	(varied meaning)	Londoner

2 diminutive or feminine

-let	small, unimportant	booklet
-ette	small, compact	statuette
-ess	female	waitress
-y, -ie	female	auntie

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3 Status, domain

-hood	status	brotherhood
-ship	status, condition	dictatorship
-dom	domain, condition	kingdom
-ocracy	system of government	democracy
-(e)ry	behaviour	slavery
	place of activity	refinery

4 Other

-ing	the substance of which N is composed	panelling
-ful	the amount which N contains	handful

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NOUN/ADJECTIVE to NOUN/ADJECTIVE suffixes

- -ite member of community Israelite
- (i)an pertaining to... Indonesian, republican
- -ese nationality Chinese
- -ist member of a party, occupation socialist
- -ism attitude, political movement idealism

VERB to NOUN suffixes

-er/-or	agentive and instrumental	receiver
-ant	“	inhabitant
-ee	passive	employee
-ation	state, action	exploration
	institution	organization
-ment	state, action	amazement

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-al	action	refusal
-ing	activity	driving
	result of activity	building
-age	activity	drainage

ADJECTIVE to NOUN suffixes

-ness	state, quality	happiness
-ity	“	sanity

VERB suffixes

-ify	causative	simplify
-ize (BrE -ise) “		popularize
-en	“	deafen
	become X	sadden

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NOUN to ADJECTIVE suffixes

-ful	having...	useful
	giving...	helpful
-less	without	fearless
-ly	having the qualities of	cowardly
-like	“	childlike
-y	like...	creamy
	covered with...	hairy
-ish	belonging to	Turkish
	having the character	foolish
-ian	in the tradition of	Darwinian

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Adjective suffixes common in borrowed and neo-classical words

-al	criminal
also –ial	editorial
and –ical	musical
-ic	heroic
-ive	attractive
also – ative	affirmative
and -itive	sensitive
-ous	virtuous
also –eous	courteous
and –ious	vivacious

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- !! -ic vs. -ical (difference in meaning)

an **economic** miracle (in the economy)

the car is **economical** to run (money-saving)

a **historic** building (with a history)

historical research (pertaining to history)

Other adjective suffixes:

-able/-ible worthy/able to be V-ed readable/edible

-ish somewhat youngish

-ed having balconied

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Adverb suffixes

-ly	in a manner	happily
-ward(s)	manner/direction	backward(s)
-wise	in the manner of...	crabwise
	as far as ... is concerned	weather-wise