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| **Common Suffixes that Create Nouns, Verbs, Adjectives, and Adverbs** |
| **Word endings that create NOUNS** | **EXPLANATIONS & EXAMPLES** |
| **-dom** *wisdom(n)kingdom(n)* | **At the end of a word means:****-state or condition****-domain, position, rank****-a group with position, office, or rank***wise+dom means the state of understanding what is good, right and lastingking+dom means the domain or area belonging to a king.* |
| **-ity***capability(n)flexibility(n)* | **At the end of a word means condition or quality of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.***capable+ity means the condition of being capable.flexible+ity means the quality of being flexible.* |
| **-ment***contentment(n)* | **At the end of a word means act of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_; state of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_; result of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.***content+ment means the state of being satisfied (content).* |
| **-sion, -tion***celebration(n)* | **At the end of a word means act of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_; state of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.***celebrate+tion means the act of celebrating* |
| **-ness***toughness(n)* | **At the end of a word means state of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.***tough+ness means the state of being tough.* |
| **-ance, -ence***assistance(n)* | **At the end of a word means act of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_; state of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_; quality of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.***assist+ance means act of giving help.* |
| **-er, -or***fighter(n)actor(n)* | **At the end of a word means one who \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_; that which \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.***fight+er means one who fightsact+or means one who acts.* |
| **-ist***violinist(n)* | **At the end of a word also means one who \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_; that which \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.***violin+ist means one who plays the violin.* |
| **Word endings that create VERBS** | **EXPLANATIONS & EXAMPLES** |
| **-en***brighten(v)soften(v)* | **At the end of a word means to make \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.***bright+en means to make bright.soft+en means to make soft.* |
| **-ize***publicize(v)* | **At the end of a word means to make \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.***public+ize means to make public or to make the public aware of.* |
| **-ate***activate(v)differentiate(v)* | **At the end of a word means to have or be characterized by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.***active+ate means to make active.different+ate means to make or show a difference.* |
| **-ify or -fy***simplify(v)* | **At the end of a word means to cause to become or to make.***simple+ify means to make simple or simpler.* |

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| **Word endings that create ADJECTIVES** | **EXPLANATIONS & EXAMPLES** |
| **-ive***extensive(adj)selective(adj)* | **at the end of a word means doing or tending toward doing some action***extend+ive means doing something large in range or amountselect+ive means tending to select.* |
| **-en***wooden(adj)* | **at the end of a word means made of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.***wood+en means made of wood.Note: When the word is an adjective, the -en means made of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. We have seen -en at the end of a verb. There it means to make \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.* |
| **-ic***heroic(adj)poetic(adj)* | **at the end of a word means characteristic of\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_; like \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.***hero+ic means characteristic of a hero.poet+ic means characteristic of (or like) poets or poetry.* |
| **-al***financial(adj)manual(adj)* | **sometimes makes an adjective; when it makes an adjective it means relating to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.***finance+al means relating to finance. (Finance means money.)manu+al means relating to the hand. (Manus means hand in Latin.)* |
| **-able***portable(adj)pleasurable(adj)* | **at the end of a word means able \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_; can \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_; or giving \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.***port+able means can be carried; able to be carried.pleasure+able means giving pleasure.* |
| **-y***hairy(adj)rainy(adj)* | **at the end of a word means having \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.***hair+y means having hair (a lot of hair).rain+y means having rain.* |
| **-ous***mysterious(adj)* | **at the end of a word means full of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_; having \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.***mystery+ous means full of mystery.* |
| **-ful***hopeful(adj)beautiful(adj)* | **at the end of a word means full of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_; having \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.***hope+ful means full of hope.beauty+ful means full of beauty.Note: The suffix -ful is always spelled with one l; the word full has two.* |
| **-less***powerless(adj)homeless(adj)* | **at the end of a word means without \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.***power+less means without power.home+less means without a home.* |
| **Word endings that create ADVERBS** | **EXPLANATIONS & EXAMPLES** |
| **-ly***quickly(adv)* | **at the end of a word almost always makes an adverb; occasionally it will make an adjective.***quick+ly.* |