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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 lasting king+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 fights act+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 amount select+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.* |