

# Grammar: Suffixes

Grammar suffixes are word endings that are added to the base or root word to modify its meaning or grammatical function in a sentence. The main uses of suffixes in grammar are to create new words, change the part of speech of a word, form comparative and superlative adjectives, and indicate verb tense and person.

Suffix	Meaning	Example Words
-able	capable of, able to be	Comfortable, teachable
-dom	place or state of being, condition	freedom, kingdom
-er, -or	one who, thing that does or performs	teacher, actor, doctor
-ful or -full	full of, characterized by	careful, peaceful, hopeful
-hood	state or quality of being	childhood, adulthood, motherhood
-al	relating to, characteristic of	musical, economical, historical
-ism	doctrine, belief, system, or condition of	socialism, capitalism, feminism
-ist	one who practices or specializes in, believer in	Artist, journalist
-less	without, free from	helpless, fearless, tireless
-ment	act or process of, state of being	development, agreement, treatment
-ness	state or quality of being	kindness, happiness, loneliness
-ous, -eous	full of, having the quality of	courageous, dangerous, glamorous
-sion, -tion	act or process of, state of being	expression, completion, transition
-ship	state of being, quality or condition of	friendship, leadership, relationship
-ly	In a manner	Quickly, slowly, brightly