

Suffixes are a group of letters which are added to the end of a base word or a root word. They add meaning. They create a new word with a different meaning.

For instance, adding less to hope creates hopeless, a word related to hope but totally different meaning.

Common suffixes

Suffix	meaning	examples
ed	past tense verb	hopped
ing	continuous action	playing
ly	characteristic of	motherly
er, or	person connected with	teacher, pastor
ion, tion, ation, ition	an act or a process action, attention, starvation,	
ible, able	can be done	moveable, combustible
al	having the characteristic of or related to final, royal	
y	characterized by	funny, sunny, rainy

ness	state or condition of	happiness, kindness darkness, fullness
ty, ity	state of, quality	honesty, unity
ment	action or process	enjoyment
ic	having the characteristics of	historic, comic
ous, ious	a quality of or full of	joyous, serious
en	to make, made of	fasten, weaken
er	used to compare, more	bigger, smarter
est	comparing	fastest, biggest, fattest
ful	full of	joyful, careful, cheerful
less	without	joyless, careless, hopeless
ess	one who [female]	waitress, princess
ive	inclined to	active, negative, positive
ship	state of	hardship, friendship
ant	one who	servant, immigrant