Common **Adjective** Endings

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| **Affix** | **Meaning** | **Part of Speech****it is Used With** | **Example** |
| **-less** | without | turns a noun into an adjective | SleeplessI had a good sleep last night ( I slept well).I had a sleepless night last night (I did not sleep). |
| **-ful** | full of | turns a noun or verb into an adjective | BeautifulThe child is beautiful (full of beauty). |
| **-able -ible** | can | turns a verb into an adjective | BreakableThe old cup is breakable (can be broken). |
| **-y** | full of, covered with | turns a noun into an adjective | SleepyThe children need to go to sleep. They are very sleepy (full of sleep). |
| **-ous** | full of, covered with | turns a noun into an adjective | JoyousPeople are full of joy during holidays (very happy).People are joyous during holidays. |
| **-al** | connected with | turns a noun into an adjective | EmotionalI show my emotions easily.I am very emotional. |
| **-ish** | like, similar, to | turns a noun into an adjective | ChildishHe is not a child, but he is very childish. (acts like a child) |
| **-ic** | like, similar, to | turns a noun into an adjective | AthleticHe is an athlete (person who is very good at sports) (noun).He is athletic (very good at sports) (adjective). |
| **-ive** | has qualities of | turns a verb into an adjective | CreativeHe creates many new things.He is very creative. |

Common **Verb** Endings

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| **Affix** | **Meaning** | **Part of Speech****it is Used With** | **Example** |
| **-ate** | to make, have, become | verb | TranslateThe woman translated the letter from Chinese to English (She made an English copy of the letter.) |
| **-ify** | to make, have, become | turns an adjective into a verb | BeautifyThe woman wants to make her garden more beautiful.She wants to beautify her garden. |
| **-ize** | to make, have, become | changes a noun into a verb | SympathizeI have a lot of sympathy for my sick friend (feel sad for).I sympathize with my sick friend (have sad feelings for). |

**BEWARE!**

**These endings can be for multiple parts of speech!**

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| **Affix** | **How it’s used** | **Example** |
| **-ed** | can make verb past tensecan make a verb act as an adjective (participle) | Yesterday I repaired the computer. The repaired computer works perfectly!  |
| **-s** | can make a noun pluralcan make verb singular | The kittens played with the string. The kitten plays with the string.  |
| **-ing** | can be the main verb in a verb phrasecan make a verb act as an adjective (participle)can turn a verb into a noun (gerund) | The dog is barking. The barking dog was annoying!The dog’s barking was annoying.  |

Common **Noun** Endings

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| **Affix** | **Meaning** | **Part of Speech****it is Used With** | **Example** |
| **-er -or -ar** | the person who does \_\_\_\_\_\_ | turns a verb into a noun | PainterI paint houses.I am a house painter (the person who paints). |
| **-ist** | the person who is \_\_\_\_\_\_ | noun | DentistI am a dentist. I fix teeth. |
| **-al** | connected with | turns a noun into an adjective | EmotionalI show my emotions easily.I am very emotional. |
| **-ion** | the act of doing something | turns a verb into a noun | ActionTo act means to do something (act = verb).Action is the thing you do (action = noun). |
| **-ence** | the act of doing something | turns a adjective into a noun | ConfidenceI am confident that I will find a good job. (I feel very positive)I have confidence in my ability to get a good job. (I feel very positive) |
| **-ment** | the act of doing something; product or result of an action | turns a verb into a noun | EncouragementThe teacher encourages me to work harder (verb).The teacher gives me encouragement (noun). |
| **-ness** | the state of being something | turns an adjective into a noun | KindnessPeople should be kind to each other.Kindness is important to people. |
| **-ship** | the state of being something | noun | FriendshipI have many friends.Friendship is important to me. |
| **-ity** | the state of being something | turns an adjective into a noun | ClarityWriting should be clear. (easy to understand)Clarity is important in writing. |