

Grammar - Suffixes

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Many of us that attended government school were not taught that suffixes or word endings will frequently give a clue as to what part of speech a word may belong (e.g., noun, verb, adjective, adverb). Yet, this is a relatively simple way in which to easily recognize what part of speech a word may belong.

Week #6

Briefly review, via flashcards, noun/verb definitions, noun/verb tests, and suffixes from Week #1, #2, #3, #4 and #5.

- al

adjective suffix

good ole Al

e.g., *baptismal*, *biblical*, *celestial*, *circumstantial*, *colossal*, *comical*, *constitutional*, *continual*, *cordial*, *crucial*, *denominational*, *emotional*, *genealogical*, *historical*, *immoral*, *longitudinal*, *marginal*, *musical*, *national*, *octagonal*, *patriarchal*, *perpetual*, *proportional*, *providential*, *terrestrial*, *tragic*

- en

verb suffix

(to make)

e.g., *brighten*, *broken*, *deepen*, *earthen*, *fasten*, *golden*, *happen*, *harden*, *harken*, *lengthen*, *spoken*, *strengthen*, *sunken*, *threaten*, *waken*, *wheaten*, *wooden*, *woollen*

- er

noun - one who suffix

red alert !

e.g., *astronomer*, *barrister*, *biographer*, *blotter*, *caterer*, *chronologer*, *clothier*, *cutter*, *foreigner*, *geographer*, *Icelander*, *lawyer*, *Londoner*, *mariner*, *New Yorker*, *northerner*, *orthographer*, *philologist*, *philosopher*, *poulterer*, *respector*, *southerner*

- ship

noun suffix

e.g., *ambassadorship*, *authorship*, *captainship*, *chaplainship*, *clerkship*, *courtship*, *craftsmanship*, *fellowship*, *friendship*, *hardship*, *headship*, *lordship*, *membership*, *officership*, *partnership*, *penmanship*, *professorship*, *scholarship*, *soldiership*, *sonship*, *stewardship*, *township*, *workmanship*, *worship*

- ism

noun suffix (frequently means belief in)

e.g., *agnosticism*, *altruism*, *animism*, *aphorism*, *atheism*, *baptism*, *capitalism*, *criticism*, *deism*, *egoism*, *egotism*, *empiricism*, *embolism*, *Epicureanism*, *evangelism*, *exorcism*, *feminism*, *heathenism*, *hedonism*, *idealism*, *magnetism*, *mechanism*, *modernism*, *nepotism*, *opportunism*, *organism*, *paganism*, *plagiarism*, *polytheism*, *ostracism*, *romanticism*, *scepticism*, *stoicism*, *syillogism*, *synchronism*, *universalism*, *volcanism*

- **al** (good ole AI)

It is easier to remember the - al adjective suffix by remembering "Good Ole AI!"

See list of words on previous page and emphasize "Good Ole **AI**" when saying them.

- **en** (to make)

The - **en** verb suffix frequently means "to make."

Bright**en**, for example, means *to make* bright.

Deep**en** means *to make* deep.

- **er** (noun -- one who)

The - **er** suffix is frequently a noun -- one who suffix (remember, the - **er** suffix can also be an adjective, e.g., tall, taller**er**, tallest**est**)

A barrister**er**, for example, is *one who* practices at the bar (i.e., lawyer).

A chronicler**er** is *one who* chronicles.

An Icelander**er** is *one who* lives in Iceland.

- **ship** (noun)

The - **ship** noun suffix may be added on to a noun to show quality or ability of something.

The word ambassador**ship**, for example, is the *quality or ability* to be an ambassador.

- **ism** (noun)

The - **ism** noun suffix frequently means the belief in something.

Athe**ism**, for example, means the *belief in* no God.

Ideal**ism** means the *belief in* ideals.

Exercise: Go through each of the word examples given on the previous page, and process the words based on the above suffix explanations.

Flashcards: Cut on the solid lines and fold on the dotted line.

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<p>- al</p> <p>© Beverly Schmitt 1997-2002, all rights reserved</p>	<p>adjective suffix good ole Al</p> <p>e.g., baptismal, biblical, celestial, circumstantialal, colossalal, comicalal, constitutionalal, continualal, cordialal, crucialal, denominationalal, emotionalal, genealogicalal, historicalal, immoralal, longitudinalal, marginalal, musicalal, nationalal</p>
<p>- en</p> <p>© Beverly Schmitt 1997-2002, all rights reserved</p>	<p>verb suffix (to make)</p> <p>e.g., brighten, brokenen, deepenen, earthenen, fasten, goldenen, happenen, harden, harken, lengthen, spokenen, strengthen, sunkenen, threatenen, wakenen, wheaten, woodenen, woollenen</p>
<p>- er</p> <p>© Beverly Schmitt 1997-2002, all rights reserved</p>	<p>noun - one who suffix red alert !</p> <p>e.g., astronomer, barrister, biographer, blotter, caterer, chronologer, clothier, cutter, foreigner, geographer, lawyer, Londoner, mariner, New Yorker, northerner, orthographer, philologer</p>
<p>- ship</p> <p>© Beverly Schmitt 1997-2002, all rights reserved</p>	<p>noun suffix</p> <p>e.g., ambassadorship, authorship, captainship, chaplainship, clerkship, courtship, craftsmansship, fellowship, friendship, hardship, headship, lordship, membersship, officersship, partnersship</p>

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<p style="text-align: center;">- ism</p> <p>© Beverly Schmitt 1997-2002, all rights reserved</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">noun suffix (frequently means belief in)</p> <p>e.g., agnosticism, altruism, atheism, baptism, capitalism, egoism, egotism, empiricism, evangelism, feminism, heathenism, idealism, modernism, nepotism, paganism, polytheism, romanticism, stoicism, universalism</p>
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Week #6 - Suffix Test

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Directions: Circle the correct part of speech

1. biblical

noun verb adjective adverb

2. brighten

noun verb adjective adverb

3. astronomer

noun verb adjective adverb

4. ambassadorship

noun verb adjective adverb

5. agnosticism

noun verb adjective adverb

6. colossal

noun verb adjective adverb

7. broken

noun verb adjective adverb

8. biographer

noun verb adjective adverb

9. clerkship

noun verb adjective adverb

10. evangelism

noun verb adjective adverb

11. comical

noun verb adjective adverb

12. fasten

noun verb adjective adverb

13. caterer

noun verb adjective adverb

14. penmanship

noun verb adjective adverb

15. paganism

noun verb adjective adverb

16. circumstantial

noun verb adjective adverb

17. happen

noun verb adjective adverb

18. cutter

noun verb adjective adverb

19. craftsmanship

noun verb adjective adverb

20. criticism

noun verb adjective adverb

Week #6 - Suffix Test Answers

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Answers

1. adjective
2. verb
3. noun - one who
4. noun
5. noun
6. adjective
7. verb
8. noun - one who
9. noun
10. noun
11. adjective
12. verb
13. noun - one who
14. noun
15. noun
16. adjective
17. verb
18. noun - one who
19. noun
20. noun

Week #6 - Suffix Cumulative Test

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Directions: Circle the correct part of speech

1. investigation**tion**

noun verb adjective adverb

2. enlighten**ment**

noun verb adjective adverb

3. thankful**ness**

noun verb adjective adverb

4. reject**ed**

noun verb adjective adverb

5. dishonor**able**

noun verb adjective adverb

6. love**less**

noun verb adjective adverb

7. help**ful**

noun verb adjective adverb

8. abnormal**ity**

noun verb adjective adverb

9. histor**ic**

noun verb adjective adverb

10. external**ly**

noun verb adjective adverb

11. victori**ous**

noun verb adjective adverb

12. administrat**ive**

noun verb adjective adverb

13. prettier

noun verb adjective adverb

14. mean**est**

noun verb adjective adverb

15. dictat**or**

noun verb adjective adverb

16. ambulat**e**

noun verb adjective adverb

17. tour**ist**

noun verb adjective adverb

18. flash**y**

noun verb adjective adverb

19. hand**s**

noun verb adjective adverb

20. monumen**al**

noun verb adjective adverb

Week #6 - Suffix Cumulative Test (continued)

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21. chronic**ler**

noun verb adjective adverb

22. deep**en**

noun verb adjective adverb

23. friend**ship**

noun verb adjective adverb

24. human**ism**

noun verb adjective adverb

Week #5 - Suffix Cumulative Test Answers

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Answers

1. noun
2. noun
3. noun
4. verb
5. adjective
6. adjective
7. adjective
8. noun
9. adjective
10. adverb
11. adjective
12. verb
13. adjective
14. adjective
15. noun - one who
16. verb
17. noun
18. adjective
19. plural noun
20. adjective
21. noun - one who
22. verb
23. verb
24. noun
25. noun