

## 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 #5

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

### **Past / Present / Future Verbs**

Today I walk. (present)  
He, She or It walks. (present)  
Yesterday I walked. (past)  
Tomorrow I **will** walk. (future)

Gestures that help make the concept of past / present / future verbs more concrete.

When you are presenting the concept that "Today you walk," have your arms hanging at your side with your index or pointer finger pointing down. This indicates that this particular action is happening NOW.

When you are presenting the concept that "Yesterday I walked," bend your elbows and point with your thumb over your shoulder to indicate that your back is on the past.

When you are presenting the concept that "Tomorrow I will walk," put your arms in front of you and point with your index or pointer finger to the future.

Did you notice that when using a pronoun the verb uses the - **s** suffix? So, how can you tell the difference when the - **s** suffix between a noun and a verb? Simple. Can you touch the word (noun)? Can you act out the word (verb)?

## **- ing Trickiness !**

The suffix **-ing** can be tricky, but does NOT need to be confusing! Actually, the suffix **-ing** is rather fun ! This suffix (**- ing**) is very hard working. Look at the following.

I am walking**ing**. (present)  
He, She or It is walking**ing**. (present)  
You will be walking**ing**. (future)

Later, you will learn that the hard working, industrious **- ing** suffix can even be an adjective! Do you remember the Adjective Test?

The Adjective Red Alert ! Test is ...

Very \_\_\_\_\_  
You are very \_\_\_\_\_.  
It is very \_\_\_\_\_.

Examples: Very attractive. Very popular. Very happy.  
Very clever. Very careful. Very sentimental. Very interesting.

Examples: You are very pretty. You are very smart. You are very energetic.  
You are very flexible. You are very strong. You are very talented.

Examples: It is very cloudy. It is very rainy. It is very windy.  
It is very snowy. It is very beautiful. It is very annoying.

## - s

plural noun suffix or verb suffix  
**red alert !**

e.g., dogs**s**, cats**s** (noun)  
walks**s**, runs**s**, eats**s** (verb)

## - ing

verb suffix or adjective suffix  
**red alert !**

e.g., verb = tall**ing**, run**ing**, eat**ing**  
adjective = (very) humbl**ing**, (very) intrigu**ing**

## - y

sometimes adjective suffix

e.g., storm**y**, rain**y**, dust**y**, dirt**y**, snow**y**, luck**y**, risk**y**, swamp**y**

## - ist

noun - one who suffix

e.g., plagiar**ist**, conform**ist**, copy**ist**, cycl**ist**, royal**ist**, antagon**ist**, evangel**ist**,  
apolog**ist**, polythe**ist**, egot**ist**, archeolog**ist**, chronolog**ist**, econom**ist**, genealog**ist**,  
geolog**ist**, meteorolog**ist**, mineralog**ist**, mytholog**ist**, zoolog**ist**, alchem**ist**

Exercise: Verbally or in writing, complete the graph. The first one has been done for you.

	<u>Present</u>	<u>Past</u>	<u>Future</u>	<u>- ing</u>
walk	I walk. She walks. He walks. It walks.	I walked.	I <b>will</b> walk. I <b>shall</b> walk.	I <b>am</b> walking. He <b>is</b> walking. You <b>shall be</b> walking.
sleep				
snore				
hop				
burp				
twirl				
wash				
dry				
eat				
trot				
love				
sound				
live				
knit				
sew				
talk				
hunt				
like				
strike				
succeed				
bound				
rain				
agree				
struggle				
trace				
differ				
ask				
arrest				
distinguish				
occur				
present				
occupy				
assign				
listen				
study				
try				

Exercise: Is it a noun or a verb? The first two have been done for you.

	<b><u>Plural Noun</u></b>	<b><u>Verb</u></b>
doctors	X	
walks		X
runs		
dogs		
swims		
leaps		
dolls		
frogs		
hops		
groans		
desks		
pencils		
writes		
sits		
trees		
bunnies		
sees		
tickles		
trucks		
hens		
laughs		
coughs		
books		
rugs		
reads		
hugs		
trunks		
doors		
wiggles		
squirms		
kittens		
candy bars		

Exercise: Verbally or in writing, tell what part of speech the word falls. **Red Alert !** -- be careful with the **- ing** suffix! Remember, the **- ing** suffix is hard working and can be present or future tense (not to mention an adjective)! The first one has been done for you.

	<u>Past</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Future</u>	<u>- ing</u>
He is grinning.		X		X
I am hiding.				
She folded the paper.				
I will be sleeping.				
He knocked on the door.				
I am swimming.				
He dictated a sentence.				
She will salute.				
I brewed some tea.				

When adding on **- y** suffix to a noun, you frequently have an adjective.

<u>Noun</u>	+	<u>Suffix</u>	=	<u>Adjective</u>
storm	+	<b>- y</b>	=	snowy

Now you try it !

<u>Noun</u>	+	<u>Suffix</u>	=	<u>Adjective</u>
rain	+	<b>- y</b>	=	_____
dust	+	<b>- y</b>	=	_____
dirt	+	<b>- y</b>	=	_____
snow	+	<b>- y</b>	=	_____
luck	+	<b>- y</b>	=	_____
risk	+	<b>- y</b>	=	_____
swamp	+	<b>- y</b>	=	_____

When adding the - **ist** suffix on to a word, you have the noun -- one who.

Examples: plagiar**ist**, altru**ist**, conform**ist**, copy**ist**, cycl**ist**, philog**ist**, royal**ist**, nonconform**ist**, antagon**ist**, evangel**ist**, apolog**ist**, polythe**ist**, egot**ist**, archeolog**ist**, chronolog**ist**, econom**ist**, genealog**ist**, geolog**ist**, meteorolog**ist**, mineralog**ist**, mytholog**ist**, zoolog**ist**, alchem**ist**, hedon**ist**, monothe**ist**, fatal**ist**

A plagiar**ist**, for example, is one who plagiarizes or steals the work or ideas of another without giving credit.

A conform**ist** is one who conforms.

A copy**ist** is one who copies.

A cycl**ist** is one who \_\_\_\_\_ .

An evangel**ist** is one who \_\_\_\_\_ .

An econom**ist** is one who studies \_\_\_\_\_ .

An archeolog**ist** is one who studies \_\_\_\_\_ .

A zoolog**ist** is one who \_\_\_\_\_ .

A geolog**ist** is one who \_\_\_\_\_ .

A genealog**ist** is one who \_\_\_\_\_ .

A meteorolog**ist** is one who \_\_\_\_\_ .

A mineralog**ist** is one who \_\_\_\_\_ .

A mytholog**ist** is one who \_\_\_\_\_ .

A zoolog**ist** is one who \_\_\_\_\_ .

A monothe**ist** is one who \_\_\_\_\_ .

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

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Back

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>- s</b></p> <p>© Beverly Schmitt 1997-2002, all rights reserved</p>	<p>plural noun suffix or verb suffix <b>red alert !</b></p> <p>e.g., dogs<b>s</b>, cats<b>s</b> (noun) walk<b>s</b>, run<b>s</b>, eat<b>s</b> (verb)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>- ing</b></p> <p>© Beverly Schmitt 1997-2002, all rights reserved</p>	<p>verb suffix or adjective suffix <b>red alert !</b></p> <p>verb = tall<b>ing</b>, run<b>ing</b>, eat<b>ing</b> adjective = (very) humbl<b>ing</b> (very) intrigu<b>ing</b></p>
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## **Week #5 - Suffix Test**

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**Directions:** Circle the correct part of speech

1. walk**s**

noun verb adjective adverb

2. eat**ing**

noun verb adjective adverb

3. storm**y**

noun verb adjective adverb

4. plagiar**ist**

noun verb adjective adverb

5. snore**s**

noun verb adjective adverb

6. run**ing**

noun verb adjective adverb

7. dirt**y**

noun verb adjective adverb

8. conform**ist**

noun verb adjective adverb

9. burp**s**

noun verb adjective adverb

10. hid**ing**

noun verb adjective adverb

11. snow**y**

noun verb adjective adverb

12. copy**ist**

noun verb adjective adverb

13. clean**s**

noun verb adjective adverb

14. dry**ing**

noun verb adjective adverb

15. luck**y**

noun verb adjective adverb

16. evangel**ist**

noun verb adjective adverb

17. hop**s**

noun verb adjective adverb

18. pick**ing**

noun verb adjective adverb

19. risk**y**

noun verb adjective adverb

20. archeolog**ist**

noun verb adjective adverb

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## **Week #5 - Suffix Test Answers**

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### Answers

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

## **Week #5 - Suffix Cumulative Test**

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**Directions:** Circle the correct part of speech

1. salvation

noun verb adjective adverb

2. investment

noun verb adjective adverb

3. faithfulness

noun verb adjective adverb

4. selected

noun verb adjective adverb

5. capable

noun verb adjective adverb

6. cheerless

noun verb adjective adverb

7. thankful

noun verb adjective adverb

8. electricity

noun verb adjective adverb

9. terrific

noun verb adjective adverb

10. fraternally

noun verb adjective adverb

11. envious

noun verb adjective adverb

12. creative

noun verb adjective adverb

13. craftier

noun verb adjective adverb

14. slickest

noun verb adjective adverb

15. navigator

noun verb adjective adverb

16. recuperate

noun verb adjective adverb

17. conformist

noun verb adjective adverb

18. snowy

noun verb adjective adverb

19. gems

noun verb adjective adverb

20. inspiration

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. adjective
13. adjective
14. adjective
15. noun - one who
16. verb
17. noun
18. adjective
19. noun
20. noun