

Suffixes

Suffix	Meaning	Examples
-ed	past tense; shows that the action happened in the past	howled, played, smiled
-er	more of something; a person who does something	better, happier, shopper
-est	most of something	greatest, happiest, strangest
-ing	present tense; shows that the action is happening now	howling, playing, smiling
-ful	to be full of	fearful, peaceful, wonderful
-ic	having characteristics of	allergic, energetic, historic
-less	to be without	careless, seedless, timeless
-ly	to be like; how something is done	fatherly, happily, quickly
-ment	action or process	agreement, amusement, enjoyment
-ness	condition or quality of being	goodness, kindness, silliness
-y	tending to something; state of	fruity, rainy, shiny
-en	made of, to make or become	brighten, golden, widen
-fy	to make into or similar to	beautify, falsify, purify
-ward	in the direction of	downward, forward, skyward
-cy	a quality of	accuracy, secrecy, urgency
-ity	a state of	activity, clarity, reality
-ive	a tendency to be	creative, impressive, massive
-some	characterized by	awesome, lonesome, tiresome