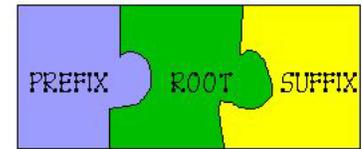


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LIKE PARTS OF A PUZZLE!

SUFFIXES



A **suffix** is a word part, but it comes after the root. For example, in the word *portable* above, *port*, meaning “carry,” is the root, and **able** is the suffix, meaning “capable of” or “able to.” *Portable*, then, means “able to be carried.”

SUFFIX	MEANING	EXAMPLE
-able, -ible	able to be	Readable, legible, loveable, teachable, reasonable, responsible
-al	relating to	Musical, personal, mechanical, logical, electrical
-ance, -ence	state of	Dependence, existence, disappearance, reluctance, magnificence
-er, -or, -ar, -ist	one who does, someone or something that does an action	Manager, singer, director, writer, typist, geologist, archivist
-ful, -ous	full of	Careful, doubtful, grateful, furious, jealous, courageous, suspicious
-ic	nature of	Poetic, heroic, platonic, harmonic
-ish	Like, similar to	Foolish, childish, devilish, thirtyish
-ism	Belief in, practice of	Idealism, Buddhism, commercialism
-ity	State or quality	Sincerity, popularity, clarity
-ive	Tending toward	Descriptive, submissive, active
-ly	In a certain way	Quickly, happily, rudely
-ment	Act of, result of	Enjoyment, encouragement, replacement, amusement
-ology	Study of	Psychology, theology, zoology
-tion, -sion	Act of, process of	Connection, separation, decision
ion	condition of	celebration