

Word-formation

Part 2: suffixes

Suffixes are more for word-formation and sometimes for meaning

Our aim is to identify word even if we don't know it

Noun suffixes

-tion
-ion
-sion
-xion

completion

invention

decision

complexion

Adjective suffixes

-ure
-age
-ment
-al

exposure

package

management

denial

Verb suffixes

-ent/-ant
-er/-or/-ar
-ee
-ian

assistant

beggar

trainee

magician

Adverb suffixes

-ence
-ance
-ness

innocence

distance

loneliness

-hood
-ship
-ism
-ry
-ist

childhood

friendship

criticism

robbery

capitalist

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Adjective suffixes

-less
-ful
-able
-ible

painless
beautiful
accessible

-ous
-(s)ive
-ic
-ish
-ant

generous
explosive
italic
childish
instant

-(l)y
-ary
-i
-ese
-al

daily
documentary
Iraqi
Chinese
brutal

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Verb suffixes

Adverb suffixes

-ize/-ise
-en
-fy
-ate

characterize

strengthen

satisfy

exterminate

-ly
-wards
-wise

happily

upwards

clockwise