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TOPIC: SUFFIX

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A **Suffix** is a group of words added to the end of the root word to make a new word.

For example, the word 'happiness' consists of the root word 'happy' combined with the Suffix 'ness'

happy + ness = happiness
(root word) + (suffix)

care + less = careless
(root word) + (suffix)

Remember: Adding a Suffix sometimes causes a spelling change to the root word.

Eg: a) heavy + ness = heaviness 'y' changes to 'i'
b) happy + ness = happiness

When you add a suffix to a word, **the original word usually keeps its original spelling.** However, there are some exceptions to this rule: If the original word is one syllable and ends with a single consonant, double the last letter.

Eg: a) big + er = bigger
b) run +er = runner

Some examples of Suffixes are:

Suffix	Meaning	Example
-ish	having the quality of	childish, feverish, selfish
-ness	denoting a state or condition	readiness kindness, weakness
-less	not affected by, without	careless, endless, restless
-ible	usually able to, capable of	responsible, digestible, divisible
-er	person or object that does a specified action, comparable	worker, teacher, smaller, taller
-ment	the act, state or result of an action	punishment, improvement, excitement