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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 root 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: 1. 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: 1. big + er = bigger

2. 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	happiness, 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, bigger, taller
ment	the act, state or result of an action	punishment, improvement, excitement
ous	full of	joyous ,ambitious, advantageous
tion	state of being	pollution, revolution