

Affixation is the process of adding..



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AFFIXATION

An affix is used to alter the meaning or form of a word. It can be either a Prefix or a Suffix.

Definition: Affixation is the process of adding a morpheme - or affix - to a word to create either a different form of that word or a new word with a different meaning.

The two primary kinds of 'Affixation' are prefixation, the addition of a prefix, and suffixation, the addition

of a suffix, while clusters of affixes can be used to form complex words.

Prefixes: A prefix is a letter or group of letters attached to the beginning of a word that partly indicates its meaning.

Prefix	Meaning	Examples
A	Not	Amoral, Apolitical, Atypical
Anti	Against, Opposite of	Antiseptic, Anti-American, Antinuclear, Anti climax, Antiaircraft, Antibody
Bi	Two	Bicycle, Bisect, Bilingual
Co	With, Together	Copilot, Co-worker, Coexist, Co-author
De	Down, Off	Devalue, Deactivate, Degrade, Delink
Dis	Opposite of	Disappear, Disagreeable, Disbar, Disagree, Dislike, Disobey
En	Put into, Cover with	Enclose, Entangle, Enslave, Encase
Ex	Former	Ex-president, Ex-serviceman
Hyper	Over, More, Beyond	Hyperactive, Hypersensitive, Hypercritical
Il, Im, In, Ir	Not, Without	Illegal, Illogical, Immoral, Immeasurable, Inconsiderate, Incurable, Irresponsible
Omni	All, Every	Omnivorous, Omniscient, Omnipotent, Omnipresent
Post	After	Postmortem, Posterior, Postscript
Tri	Three	Tricycle, Triangle, Triathlon
Over	Too much, Across	Over-confident, Over-populated
Un	Opposite	Unhappy, Unfair, Untrue
Vice	Next in rank	Vice-president, Vice-principal, Vice-chancellor, Vice-admiral

Note: The difference between prefixes and suffixes is that while prefixes do not change word class (noun to verb or adjective to noun) etc. suffixes mostly change the word class.



Previous and Model Questions

1. Identify the correct suffix for the words given below:
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Word	Suffix
(a) Doubt	(i) ness
(b) High	(ii) ful
	(iii) ment

- 1) (a)-(ii), (b)-(iii)
- 2) (a)-(iii), (b)-(ii)
- 3) (a)-(ii), (b)-(i)
- 4) (a)-(iii), (b)-(iii)

A: (3)
Doubtful, Highness.

EXERCISE - I

1. Identify the correct suffixes for the words given below:

Word	Suffix
(a) Remark	(i) ise
(b) Discover	(ii) let
(c) Book	(iii) ify
(d) Popular	(iv) able
(e) Pure	(v) y

- 1) (a) - (ii), (b) - (iii), (c) - (iv), (d) - (i), (e) - (v)
- 2) (a) - (iv), (b) - (i), (c) - (ii), (d) - (iii), (e) - (v)
- 3) (a) - (iv), (b) - (v), (c) - (ii), (d) - (i), (e) - (iii)
- 4) (a) - (iv), (b) - (i), (c) - (v), (d) - (iii), (e) - (ii)

A: (3)

EXERCISE - II

1. Identify the correct suffixes for the words given below.

Word	Suffix
(a) Virtue	(i) ize
(b) Love	(ii) ive
(c) Terror	(iii) able
(d) Abuse	(iv) ful
(e) Thank	(v) ous

- 1) (a) - (v), (b) - (iii), (c) - (iv), (d) - (i), (e) - (ii)
- 2) (a) - (v), (b) - (iii), (c) - (i), (d) - (ii), (e) - (iv)
- 3) (a) - (iii), (b) - (iv), (c) - (i), (d) - (ii), (e) - (v)
- 4) (a) - (iii), (b) - (v), (c) - (i), (d) - (iv), (e) - (ii)

A: (2)

Suffixes: A suffix is a letter or group of letters added at the end of a word to make a new word.

1. The following adjectives get converted into nouns by adding certain suffixes which change the word class of the basic word.

Adjective	Suffix	Noun
Free	-dom	Freedom
Wise	-dom	Wisdom
Important	-ance	Importance
Permanent	-ence	Permanence
False	-hood	Falsehood
Active, Civil, Human, Real	-ity	Activity, Civility, Humanity, Reality
Dark, Happy, Mad	-ness	Darkness, Happiness, Madness
Hard	-ship	Hardship
Long, Strong	-th	Length, Strength

2. Here are some examples of a verb getting converted into a noun.

Verb	Suffix	- Noun
Leak	-age	Leakage
Shrink	-age	Shrinkage
Waste	-age	Wastage
Arrive, Refuse	-al	Arrival, Refusal
Accept, Appear	-ance	Acceptance, Appearance
Assist, Inhabit	-ant	Assistant, Inhabitant
Build, Meet, Teach	-ing	Building, Meeting, Teaching

3. Here are a few examples of a noun forming a new word which is also a noun.

Noun	Suffix	Noun
King	-dom	Kingdom
History	-ian	Historian
Hero	-ism	Heroism
Drama, Motor	-ist	Dramatist, Motorist

4. Adjective Suffix Verb
- | Adjective | Suffix | Verb |
|--------------------|--------|--------------------------|
| Cheap, Deep, Sharp | -en | Cheapen, Deepen, Sharpen |
| Just, Pure | -ify | Justify, Purify |

5. Noun Suffix Verb
- | Noun | Suffix | Verb |
|----------|--------|------------|
| Length | -en | Lengthen |
| Strength | -en | Strengthen |
| Class | -ify | Classify |
| Apology | -ise | Apologise |

6. Noun Suffix Adjective
- | Noun | Suffix | Adjective |
|---------|--------|-------------|
| Comfort | -able | Comfortable |
| Culture | -al | Cultural |
| Element | -ary | Elementary |
| Point | -end | Pointed |
| Gold | -en | Golden |
| Beauty | -ful | Beautiful |
| Help | -ful | Helpful |
| Sense | -ible | Sensible |

7. Verb Suffix Adjective
- | Verb | Suffix | Adjective |
|----------|--------|-------------|
| Read | -able | Readable |
| Resist | -ant | Resistant |
| Digest | -ible | Digestible |
| Prohibit | -ive | Prohibitive |

8. Adjective Suffix Adverb
- | Adjective | Suffix | Adverb |
|-----------|--------|--------------|
| Happy | -ly | Happily |
| Foolish | -ly | Foolishly |
| Melodious | -ly | Melodiously |
| Great | -ly | Greatly |
| Artistic | -ly | Artistically |

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