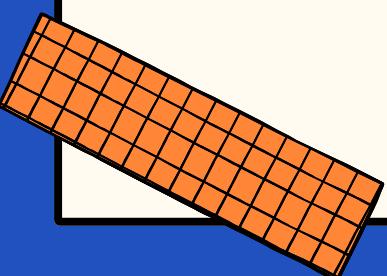




# NOUN & ADJECTIVE SUFFIXES



## What is a suffix?

A **suffix** is a letter or group of letters added at the end of a word which **makes a new word.**

The new word is most often a **different word class** from the original word. If you see a word ending in -ment, for example, it is likely to be a noun. (e.g. *commitment, contentment*)

Often, the suffixes cause a **spelling change** to the original word: beauty + *-ful* = beautiful

## Most Common Noun Suffixes

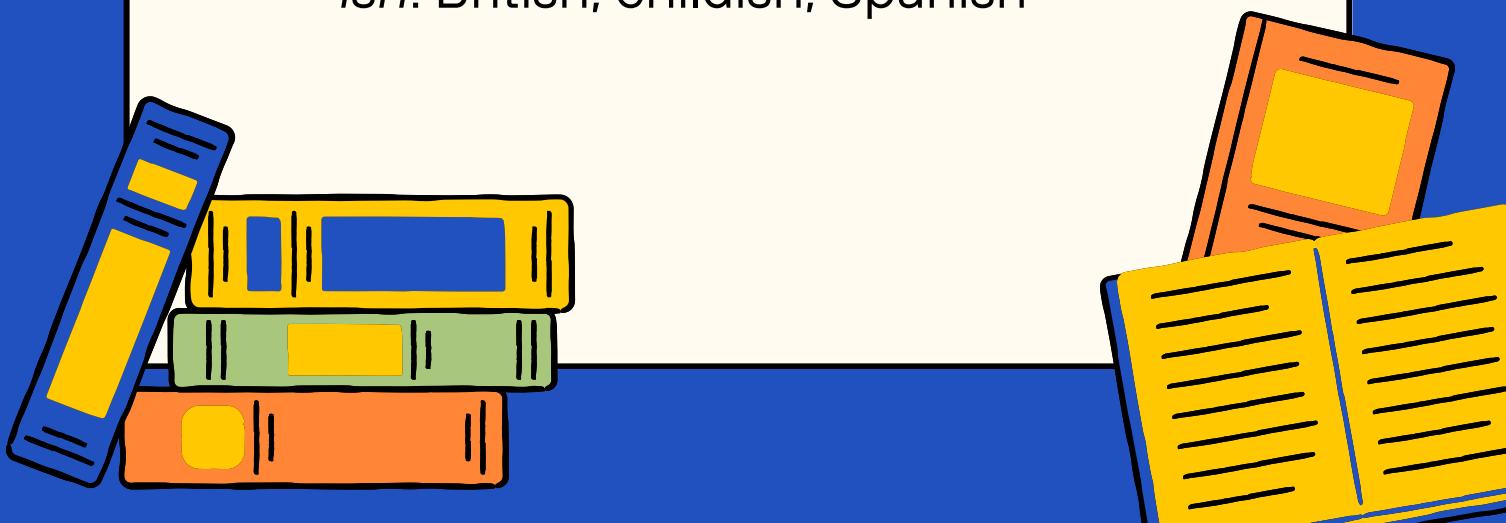
- *-age*: baggage, village, postage
- *-al*: arrival, burial, deferral
- *-ance/-ence*: reliance, defence, insistence
- *-dom*: boredom, kingdom, freedom
- *-ee*: employee, payee, trainee
- *-er/-or*: driver, writer, director
- *-hood*: brotherhood, childhood, neighbourhood
- *-ism*: capitalism, Marxism, socialism
- *-ist*: capitalist, Marxist, socialist

## Most Common Noun Suffixes

- *-ity/-ty*: brutality, equality, cruelty
- *-ment*: amazement, disappointment, parliament
- *-ness*: happiness, kindness, usefulness
- *-ry*: entry, ministry, robbery
- *-ship*: friendship, membership, workmanship
- *-sion/-tion /-xion*: expression, population, complexion

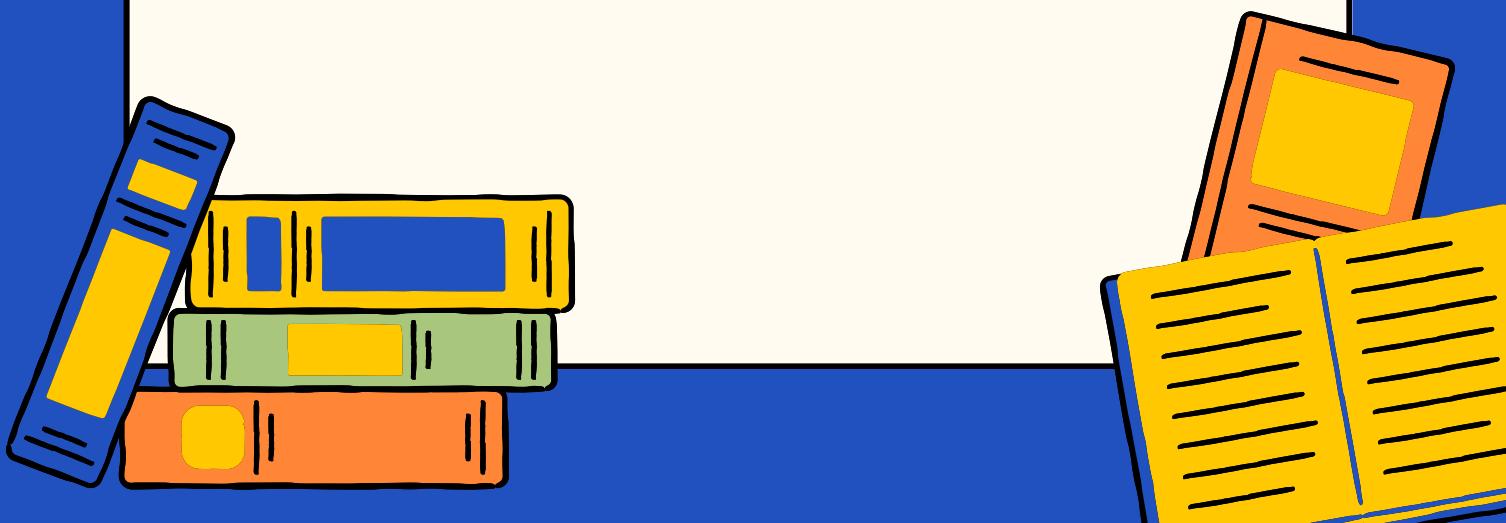
## Most Common Adjective Suffixes

- *-able/-ible*: drinkable, portable, flexible
- *-al*: brutal, formal, postal
- *-en*: broken, wooden, golden
- *-ese*: Chinese, Japanese, Portuguese
- *-ful*: forgetful, helpful, useful
- *-i*: Iraqi, Pakistani, Yemeni
- *-ic*: classic, Islamic, poetic
- *-ish*: British, childish, Spanish



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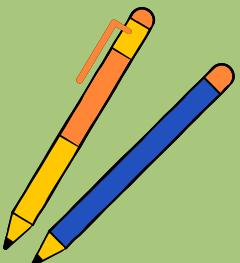
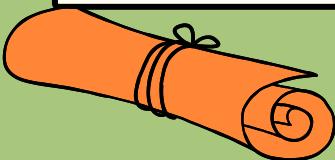
- *-ive*: active, passive, productive
- *-ian*: Canadian, Malaysian, Peruvian
- *-less*: homeless, hopeless, useless
- *-ly*: daily, monthly, yearly
- *-ous*: cautious, famous, nervous
- *-y*: cloudy, rainy, windy



## LET'S PRACTISE

**Fill the gaps with adjectives formed from the nouns in brackets. Add -able, -ic, -ious, -worthy.**

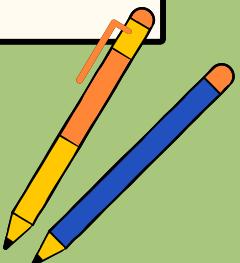
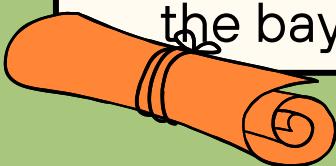
1. The most \_\_\_\_\_ (memory) part of the school trip was to visit the temple.
2. Not all snakes in Thailand are \_\_\_\_\_ (poison), you know. Some are completely harmless.
3. Koh Samui's \_\_\_\_\_ (drama) scenery and \_\_\_\_\_ (glory) weather made up for the rather \_\_\_\_\_ (base) accommodation.
4. Make sure your bicycle is \_\_\_\_\_ (road) before you head out to the North of Thailand.



## LET'S PRACTISE

**Fill the gaps with adjectives formed from the nouns in brackets. Add -able, -ic, -ious, -worthy.**

1. The weather in the South of Thailand can be \_\_\_\_\_ (change) in the rainy season.
2. The old wooden boat sank because it wasn't \_\_\_\_\_ (sea).
3. The rescuers were awarded medals for their \_\_\_\_\_ (courage) act by saving the boys in the cave.
4. We rented a wonderfully \_\_\_\_\_ (space) apartment with a \_\_\_\_\_ (panorama) view of the bay in Phuket.



# SOLUTIONS

**Fill the gaps with adjectives formed from the nouns in brackets. Add -able, -ic, -ious, -worthy.**

1. MEMORABLE
2. POISONOUS
3. DRAMATIC, GLORIOUS, BASIC
4. ROADWORTHY
5. CHANGEABLE
6. SEAWORTHY
7. COURAGEOUS
8. SPACIOUS, PANORAMIC

