

Word Endings that Indicate Parts of Speech

Below is a list of common **suffixes** (word endings) that help indicate what part of speech a word is. Sometimes a word can be identified as a **noun**, **adjective**, **adverb**, or **verb** by its suffix.

NOUNS

Suffix	Example
ion, sion, tion	population
acy	accuracy
age	image
ance, ence	permanence
hood	childhood
ar, or	scholar, doctor
ism	socialism
ist	artist
ment	government
ness	happiness
y	beauty
ity	reality, capacity

ADJECTIVES

Suffix	Example
al	natural
ful	beautiful
ly	friendly
ic	chronic
ish	childish
like	childlike
ous	populous, numerous
y	happy
ate	accurate
able, ible	capable, terrible

VERBS

Suffix	Example
ify	beautify
ate	populate
ize	realize
en	widen, lengthen

ADVERBS

Suffix	Example
ly	happily, readily, beautifully

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