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What is a suffix?

A letters or letters added to the
end of a root word.

They can **change** the word class.

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What word class are these words?

inform

adore

prepare

admire

confuse

invade

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What word class are these words?

- inform
- adore
- prepare
- admire
- confuse
- invade

They are all verbs.

You know they are a verb, because you can add the word 'to' before them.

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What word class are these words?

informat**ion**

ador**ation**

prepar**ation**

admir**ation**

confus**ion**

invas**ion**

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What word class are these words?

information

adoration

preparation

admiration

confusion

invasion

They are all nouns. Adding ation or sion to a verb makes them a noun.

You know they are a noun, because you can add the word 'the' before them (be careful with this tip as you could have an adjective before the noun too: eg the blue dog)

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What word class are these words?

- sad
- complete
- usual
- right
- final

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What word class are these words?

- sad
- complete
- usual
- right
- final

They are all adjectives. They describe a noun.

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What word class are these words?

sadly

completely

usually

rightly

finally

Note: Sometimes the spellings need to change,
for example if the root word ends -ic, then -ally is added
eg: automatic - automatically

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What word class are these words?

sadly

completely

usually

rightly

finally

Now they are all adverbs. They add more detail to a verb.

Add -ly to change an adjective to an adverb.

Note: Sometimes the spellings need to change, for example if the root word ends -ic, then -ally is added eg: automatic - automatically

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Other suffixes...

Can you think of words that end with these letters? Can you say if they are **adjectives, nouns, verbs or adverbs?**

- cious
- tious
- cautious
- ssion
- ous
- ture
- sure
- ant
- ance
- ancy
- able
- ible
- cian
- sion
- tion
- ent
- ence
- ency
- cial
- tial