

## Affixes Homework II: Noun Suffixes

The English language has many more suffixes than prefixes. Many of those have the same meaning. It takes years of practice to learn them and to learn the small differences. All these suffixes are related to people; some can also be used for things.

In this homework, we will begin with **noun suffixes** – suffixes that mean a word is a noun. First, remember some tests to check if a word is a noun.

1. Put “a, an, the” before the word.
2. Make it plural.
3. Put an adjective (big, small, old, little) before it.
4. Make the word a subject of a sentence.

Does it sound OK? If so, it is probably a noun.

**Directions:** First, learn each suffix’s meaning. Next, review the common examples (check dictionary meanings if needed). Then, look up the "new word" in your dictionary, and write its definition in the blank space.

SUFFIX	MEANING	EXAMPLES: You should know these words.	NEW WORD: Look up a definition in your dictionary.
1. -ese -er-ian, -an	resident of	Japanese, Chinese, Southerner, Bostonian	agrarian:
2.	-ee one who receives an action	appointee addressee	lessee:
3.	-er -or -ar person or <b>thing</b> that <b>does</b>	teacher beggar	lessor:
4.	-an -ian one who	pediatrician, technician	charlatan:
5.	-ist -tist one who	violinist artist	egotist:
6.	-eer -ier one who	bombardier auctioneer	glazier:

A person who is involved in an activity ending in “-ism” is usually an “-ist.” In the list below, only two “people” words do NOT have an “-ist” ending. Can you find them?

terrorism: \_\_\_\_\_ conservatism: \_\_\_\_\_

tourism: \_\_\_\_\_ nationalism: \_\_\_\_\_

idealism: \_\_\_\_\_ socialism: \_\_\_\_\_

activism: \_\_\_\_\_ criticism: \_\_\_\_\_

capitalism: \_\_\_\_\_ colonialism: \_\_\_\_\_

classicism: \_\_\_\_\_ opportunism: \_\_\_\_\_

Many nationalities are spelled with an “-ian” or “-an” suffix. Can you name a few?

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### Some Other Useful Suffixes

Suffix	Meaning	Examples	Suffix	Meaning	Examples
<b>-ette</b> <b>-ling</b> <b>-ule</b>	little, small	novelette, booklet, duckling, nodule	<b>-itis</b>	swelling, disease	tonsillitis, bronchitis, arthritis
<b>-ism</b>	system of belief	Communism, capitalism, despotism	<b>-ment</b>	state or quality of being _____	contentment, engagement, enlargement
<b>-cide</b>	killling	homicide, suicide, fratricide	<b>-ion</b> <b>-tion</b>	state or quality of being _____	relaxation, deflation, concentration
<b>-arium</b> <b>-orium</b>	a place for	aquarium, auditorium, solarium	<b>-phile</b>	One who loves something	audiophile, oenophile, bibliophile
<b>-ness</b>	State of being (adjective)	hardiness, politeness, foolishness	<b>-ary</b> <b>-ery</b> <b>-ory</b>	A place for	dictionary, depository, sanctuary