

# 20 Suffixes, Definition and Examples

Suffixes	Meaning	Examples
-age	a condition	leakage, bondage, marriage
-ile	having the nature of	fragile, juvenile, servile
-er	one who performs the action	reader, driver, maker, painter
-ous	characterized by an attribute	studious, pious, religious, joyous
-ness	state of being	sadness, happiness, rudeness, business
-ee	one who performs an action	interviewee, internee, employee, nominee
-ic	pertaining to	allergic, mythic, domestic, historic
-tude	result of an action	fortitude, magnitude, servitude
-logy	theory	biology, geology, ecology
-ism	doctrine or belief	marxism, Sufism, egotism
-ful	notable for	beautiful, wonderful, doubtful
-ive	having the nature of	creative, punitive, divisive, decisive
-al	an action	denial, removal, approval
-en	made of	golden, wooden, woolen, leaden
-ice	the result of an action	service, cowardice
-tion	state of being	creation, information, confirmation
-less	without	fearless, helpless, endless, tireless
-hood	state of being	boyhood, childhood, manhood
-ship	position held	internship, partnership, kinship
-y	characterized by	smelly, healthy, greedy, wealthy