

Suffixes

A **suffix** is a word ending.

A **suffix** added to a verb family name changes the **tense** of the verb.

verb family name	suffix ed	suffix ing
to talk	talked	talking
to row	rowed	rowing
to wink	winked	winking

Adding a **suffix** to a word can also **change the job** that word does in a sentence.

use = verb

pain = noun

operate = verb

imagine = verb

happy = adjective

weak = adjective

slow = adjective

useful = adjective

painful = adjective

operation = abstract noun

imagination = abstract noun

happiness = abstract noun

weakness = abstract noun

slowly = adverb

Here are some more common **suffixes**:

amusement

manageable

tireless

servant

Focus

Copy the following sentences.

Use the suffixes *ful*, *tion* or *ness* to complete them.

- Which _____ do we take? (direct)
- _____ falls quickly near the Equator. (dark)
- You need to be very _____ if you climb on these rocks. (care)
- These _____ sums are very difficult. (subtract)
- He is very keen on sport and _____. (fit)
- The view from the top of the mountains was _____. (wonder)

The words in brackets are clues. To make some words, you may need to delete the last letter.

