

HM Suffixes Fifth Grade

Suffix	Suffix Meaning	Sample Words and Definitions
-able	able to be	<u>excitable</u> : able to be easily excited <u>portable</u> : able to be carried <u>preventable</u> : able to be prevented
-ant	a person who	<u>applicant</u> : a person who applies for something <u>immigrant</u> : a person who settles in a new country <u>servant</u> : a person who serves
-ant	inclined to, tending to	<u>brilliant</u> : inclined to be extremely bright <u>defiant</u> : tending to disobey <u>vigilant</u> : inclined to be alert to danger
-ent	inclined to	<u>competent</u> : inclined to be able to do a job <u>different</u> : inclined to not be the same as <u>potent</u> : inclined to be extremely powerful
-ful	full of	<u>cheerful</u> : full of cheer <u>helpful</u> : full of help <u>thankful</u> : full of thanks
-ible	able to be	<u>audible</u> : able to be heard <u>legible</u> : able to be read <u>plausible</u> : able to be believed
-ic -ical	relating to, characterized by	<u>analytical</u> : relating to analysis <u>comic</u> : relating to or marked by comedy <u>organic</u> : characteristic of living things
-ive	inclined to	<u>attractive</u> : inclined to attract <u>expensive</u> : tending to cost a lot of money <u>repulsive</u> : tending to repel or drive back
-less	without	<u>fearless</u> : without fear <u>helpless</u> : without power or strength; weak <u>homeless</u> : without a home
-ly	in what manner (makes an adverb)	<u>badly</u> : in a bad, inferior manner <u>courageously</u> : in a courageous, brave manner <u>quickly</u> : in a quick, speedy manner
-ment	act or process	<u>movement</u> : the act of moving or changing place <u>placement</u> : the act of placing or arranging <u>shipment</u> : the process of shipping something
-ness	State of quality (makes a noun)	<u>kindness</u> : the state of being kind <u>shyness</u> : the condition of being shy <u>weakness</u> : the condition of being weak
-ous	Full of	<u>hazardous</u> : full of dangers <u>humorous</u> : full of humor <u>wondrous</u> : full of wonders
-ward	shows specified direction	<u>backward</u> : in the opposite direction <u>eastward</u> : toward the east <u>homeward</u> : in the direction of home

Suffix: the part added to the end of the word after the root. It can often add information to the root or change the meaning or part of speech of the word.