

# **Morphology**

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## **Derivational Affixes**

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# Common derivational affixes that cause **a change** in word class

1- derived **nouns**

2- derived **verbs**

3- derived **adjectives**

4- derived **adverbs**

# Common Derivational affixes of Nouns (1)

## Verb to Noun

- arrive+ -al
- attend+ -ance
- transform + -ation
- sing + -er , act + or , beg + ar
- conform + -ist

# Common Derivational affixes of Nouns (2)

## Adjective to Noun

- sick + -ness
- pure + -ity
- feudal + -ism
- free + -dom

# Common Derivational affixes of Nouns (3)

## Noun to Noun

- friend + -ship
- human + -ity
- king + -dom
- store + -age
- America + -n
- library + -arian
- mono- + lingual
- ex- + wife
- auto- + biography

# Common Derivational affixes of Verbs (1)

## Noun to Verb

- moral + -ize
- vaccine + -ate
- hast + -en
- im- + prison
- be- + friend
- en- + joy
- in- + habit

# Common Derivational affixes of Verbs (2)

## Adjective to Verb

- en- + large
- en- + rich

# Common Derivational affixes of Verbs (3)

## Verb to Verb

- un- + do
- re- + cover
- dis- + believe
- auto- + destruct



# Common Derivational affixes of Adjectives (1)

## Noun to Adjective

- boy + -ish
- virtue + -ous
- affection + -ate
- health + -ful
- alcohol + -ic

# Common Derivational affixes of Adjectives (2)

## Verb to Adjective

- read + -able
- create + -ive
- migrate + -ory
- sun + -y

# Common Derivational affixes of Adjectives (3)

## Adjective to Adjective

- pink + -ish
- red + -like
- a- + moral
- il- + legal, in- + accurate, un- + happy, im- + pure, dis- + agreeable
- semi- + annual
- sub- + minimal

# Adverb-forming suffixes

<b>Adj. + -ly:</b>	formally, calmly, easily
<b>-ward/wards:</b>	homeward, afterwards, backwards
<b>-wise/ways:</b>	clockwise, otherwise, sideways
<b>-fold:</b>	twofold, threefold

# To sum up (1)

## Common English derivational affixes that cause a change in word class

Noun to Adjective	<i>-ful (help → helpful), -al (recreation → recreational), -ish (boy → boyish), -ic (alcohol → alcoholic)</i>
Verb to Noun	<i>-ance (accept → acceptance), -ation (accuse → accusation), -er (play → player), -ion (predict → prediction), -ist (reform → reformist)</i>
Adjective to Adverb	<i>-ly (clear → clearly; exact → exactly)</i>
Noun to Verb	<i>-fy (glory → glorify), -ize (moral → moralize), -ate (vaccine → vaccinate)</i>
Adjective to Noun	<i>-ness (sad → sadness), -ity (specific → specificity), -ism (feudal → feudalism), -dom (free → freedom)</i>
Verb to Adjective	<i>-able (drink → drinkable), -ive (act → active), -ory (migrate → migratory)</i>
Adjective to Verb	<i>-ize (modern → modernize, or modernise in British English), -en (dark → darken)</i>

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## To sum up (2)

### Common English derivational affixes that do not cause a change in word class

Noun to Noun	<i>-ship (friend → friendship), -ity (human → humanity), -dom (king → kingdom), dis- (advantage → disadvantage), ex- (wife → ex-wife), auto- (biography → autobiography)</i>
Verb to Verb	<i>un- (do → undo), re- (write → rewrite), dis- (like → dislike), auto- (destruct → autodestruct)</i>
Adjective to Adjective	<i>-ish (yellow → yellowish), -like (red → redlike), a- (moral → amoral), il- (legal → illegal), in- (expensive → inexpensive), un- (happy → unhappy), semi- (annual → semiannual), dis- (agreeable → disagreeable), sub- (conscious → subconscious)</i>

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## Derivation without affecting the pronunciation

Suffixes such as -er, -ful, -ish, -less, -ly, and -ness may be tacked onto a base word without affecting the pronunciation, as in:

**baker, wishful, boyish, needless, and happiness**

# Derivation with affecting the pronunciation

Other suffixes such as -y, -ive, and -ize may be tacked onto a base word with affecting the pronunciation, as in:

able - ability

produce- productive



Thanks !  
Comments!  
Questions?