

# WORD FORMATION

In English there are many words beginnings (prefixes) and word endings (suffixes) that can be added to a word to change its meaning or its word class.

## VERB FORMATION

The endings **-ize** and **-ify** can be added to many nouns and adjectives to form verbs.

modern	modern <b>ize</b>
simple	simpl <b>ify</b>

## ADVERB FORMATION

The ending **-ly** can be added to most adjectives to form adverbs.

quick	quick <b>ly</b>
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## NOUN FORMATION

The endings **-er** , **-ment** , and **-ation** can be added to many verbs to form nouns.

play	play <b>er</b>
develop	develop <b>ment</b>
examine	examin <b>ation</b>

The endings **-ity** and **-ness** can be added to many adjectives to form nouns.

odd	odd <b>ity</b>
happy	happ <b>iness</b>

## ADJECTIVE FORMATION

The endings **-y** , **-ic** , **-ical** , **-ful** and **-less** can be added to many nouns to form adjectives.

dirt	dirty
atom	atomic
grammar	grammatical
care	careful
hope	hopeless

The ending **-able** can be added to many verbs to form adjectives .

wash	wash <b>able</b>
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