Suffixes - Nachsilben

The meaning of a word can be changed by adding letters to the end of the main word. SUF comes from Latin meaning *after*.

The observant observer observes a lioness hunting in the wilderness. The priest of a military unit is usually called a chaplain. There seems to be a lack of tolerance in those countries. The process of modifying something is called treatment. Teachers are used to writing on the blackboard. Aphrodite is the goddess of love and beauty. His teacher seems to be a woman with endless patience. We feel safe because we live in a Neighbourhood Watch Area. Napoleon was interested in Mathematics, Geography and History. Do you feel nervous before a dentist appointment? Why does my friend always criticize me and correct everything I do? Communism aims for a classless and stateless society. In a close relationship he behaves unbearably.



A dictionary may be helpful. How does a microscope magnify? She lost her valuable bracelet. My convertible waits in the garage.

Our bakery is the place where bread is baked for many people. This part of the country is still backward; there are no railways or motorways. Are you prepared for the examination for the Certificate of Proficiency in English?

SUFFIXES	MEANINGS	EXAMPLES	GERMAN	FURTHER EXAMPLES
-able, -ible	capable of	suitable	passend	
-ain, -an	connected to	politician	Politiker	
-ance, -ence	in a state of	existence	Existenz	
-ment	action	punishment	Bestrafung	
-ness	quality	darkness	Dunkelheit	wilderness (Wildnis)
-er, -eer, -ier	someone who	engineer	Ingenieur	
-ess	female	lioness	Löwin	
-fy	to make	purify	reinigen	
-less	without	timeless	zeitlos	
-hood	order, quality	brotherhood	Brüderschaft	
-ful	full of	beautiful	schön	
-ory	a place for	factory	Fabrik	
-ous	full of	monstruous	monströs	
-ize, -ise	to make	realise	realisieren	
-ism	belief	socialism	Sozialismus	
-ship	state of being	friendship	Freundschaft	
-age	collection	baggage	Gepäck	
-су	quality	efficiency	Effizienz	
-ery	a place to	surgery	Arztpraxis	
-ward	direction	inward	einwärts	