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Word Suffixes

Here are some common word suffixes that you should know:

<u>Nouns</u>	
- tion, - sion	discussion, selection, permission, education
- er, - or	manager, visitor, teacher, actor, photographer
- ist	biologist, specialist, racist, scientist, artist
<u>Verbs</u>	
- ize	apologize, realize, specialize, theorize
<u>Adjectives</u>	
- ed	confused, surprised, bored, interested, tired
- ing	confusing, boring, exciting, interesting
- ous, - ious	famous, mysterious, enormous, mountainous
- able	enjoyable, valuable, understandable, comfortable
- ful	useful, painful, beautiful, helpful, peaceful
- less	careless, fearless, harmless, brainless, penniless
- er	faster (than), bigger (than), taller (than), cheaper (than)
- est	(the) quickest, (the) slowest, (the) friendliest, (the) highest
<u>Adverbs</u>	
- ly	really, slowly, carefully, happily, comfortably, badly