

Want to expand your English vocabulary? Prefixes and suffixes are powerful shortcuts to achieving your goal. A prefix is a group of letters added to the beginning of a word, and a suffix is a group of letters added to the end of a word. Both prefixes and suffixes (known collectively as affixes) can reveal or modify the meaning of a word.

The two suffixes shown below are particularly impressive! They can be added to hundreds of everyday adjectives and nouns to create advanced verbs and nouns.

Here's what to do. Don't try to learn all the words. Understand the principle, and highlight the words you're most likely to need. Then, start using them while speaking or writing. Including such precise words in your IELTS/TOEFL/PTE exam, professional resume, job interview, client meeting, or business email can dramatically increase your chances of academic and professional success.

1. Verb Suffix: **-ize** (US) or **-ise** (UK)

- makes a word into a verb
- usually means to make

2. Compound Noun Suffix: **-ization** (US) or **-isation** (UK)

- makes a word into a noun
- usually refers to the act of making or a state of being

Examples:

We must make the hotel more **modern**.

We need to **modernize** the hotel.

The **modernization** of the hotel is essential.

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<input type="checkbox"/>	actual	actualize	actualization
<input type="checkbox"/>	alphabet	alphabetize	alphabetization
<input type="checkbox"/>	authority	authorize	authorization
<input type="checkbox"/>	capital	capitalize	capitalization
<input type="checkbox"/>	category	categorize	categorization
<input type="checkbox"/>	character	characterize	characterization
<input type="checkbox"/>	civil	civilize	civilization
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<input type="checkbox"/>	computer	computerize	computerization
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<input type="checkbox"/>	department	departmentalize	departmentalization
<input type="checkbox"/>	democracy	democratize	democratization
<input type="checkbox"/>	demon	demonize	demonization
<input type="checkbox"/>	economy	economize	economization
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<input type="checkbox"/>	hospital	hospitalize	hospitalization
<input type="checkbox"/>	human	humanize	humanization
<input type="checkbox"/>	hypnosis	hypnotize	hypnotization
<input type="checkbox"/>	ideal	idealize	idealization

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<input type="checkbox"/>	illegal	illegalize	illegalization
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<input type="checkbox"/>	incentive	incentivize	incentivization
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<input type="checkbox"/>	monopoly	monopolize	monopolization
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<input type="checkbox"/>	national	nationalize	nationalization
<input type="checkbox"/>	normal	normalize	normalization
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<input type="checkbox"/>	organized	organize	organization
<input type="checkbox"/>	optimal	optimize	optimization

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<input type="checkbox"/>	penal	penalize	penalization
<input type="checkbox"/>	personal	personalize	personalization
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<input type="checkbox"/>	visual	visualize	visualization
<input type="checkbox"/>	vital	vitalize	vitalization
<input type="checkbox"/>	western	westernize	westernization