

Monday

Suffixes

-ful

full of

-less

without

-ment

action

-ness

a state or
quality

-ly

in a certain
manner

-ation

an action or
process

-ous

full of

-ate

to create a verb

-ise

to create a verb

-ify

to create a verb

A suffix is added to the end of a
word to make a new word.

Wednesday & Thursday

Usually (There are always exceptions to the rule!)

If the root is not a word on it's own, you will add -ible or -ibly

horr + ible

↑
not an identifiable
English root word

If the root is a word on it's own, you will usually add -able or -ably

The suffix **-able** is usually found in words which are adjectives.
It means '**able to be**'. This changes the meaning of the root words
as follows:

break

(verb) – to separate into pieces
e.g. I will **break** the vase

breakable

(adjective) – able to be separated
into pieces e.g. The vase is very
breakable.

Friday

Many adjectives in the English language end in the same sound made with either **-ant** or **-ent**.



It is often tricky to decide which ending to use when you are spelling them...

e.g. is it observ**ant** or observ**ent**?

A good rule to follow is if the root word can be given an **-ation** ending then it will usually end in **-ant**.



observ**ation**
observ**ant**

Working with a partner, can you write a sentence about the long-eared owl that contains the adjective 'observant'?