



# Affixes

For consistency's sake during class activities and /or homework, use these resources for your work! Don't be afraid to double-check your work by checking it against other resources. To gain access to these tools, cut and paste the link into your URL bar.

## Dictionary of Choice:

<http://www.merriam-webster.com/>

<http://www.dictionary.com> (alternative)

## Affix Resources:

Roots & Prefix Source: <https://www.learnthat.org/pages/view/roots.html>

<http://www.prefixsuffix.com/rootchart.php>

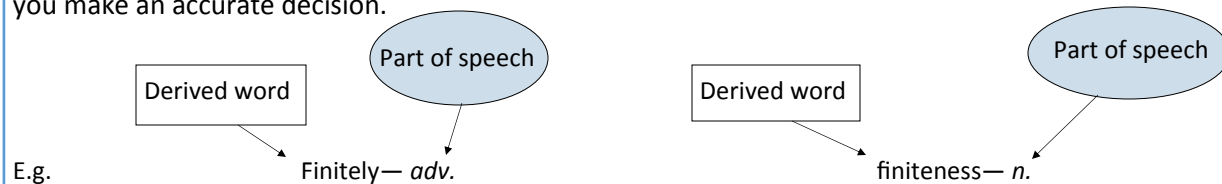
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# Inflected Forms vs. Derived Words in a Dictionary Entry

**Derived words** are words that are found by adding common suffixes such as *-ly*, *-er*, or *-ness* to an entry word. They are usually found at the end of a main entry and are followed by the new word's part of speech. [See also the scanned example provided on our Weebly.] These are great because when you're in doubt as to whether you can add a particular affix to a word to create a "real" word, derived words help you make an accurate decision.

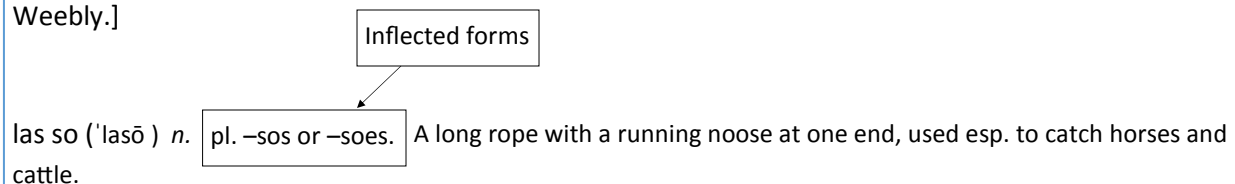


*Knowing the part of speech helps you use the new form of the word correctly when speaking or writing.*

**Inflected forms** represent changes in the entry word by the addition of suffixes or by changes in its base form. There are three kinds of inflected forms. They are verb parts, irregular plurals, and the comparative and superlative forms of adjectives.

Inflected forms follow the part of speech label in a dictionary entry.\* They are printed in bold type. They may include syllables but are usually shortened to the last syllable plus the inflectional ending.

Some inflected forms are spelled out to avoid confusion. [See also the scanned example provided on our Weebly.]



**Word:** \_\_\_\_\_

Base Word? Yes or No Word: Meaning:	Prefix? Yes or No Prefix: Meaning:	Word Origin Language:  Word It Came From & Meaning:
Root Word? Yes or No Root: Meaning:	Suffix? Yes or No Suffix: Meaning:	
Give the Word's Denotation:		Part of Speech:

**Word:** circumnavigate

Base Word? <b>Yes</b> or No Word: navigate Meaning: to sail on, over, or through an area of water	Prefix? <b>Yes</b> or No Prefix: circum- Meaning: around	Word Origin Language: Latin  Word It Came From & Meaning: <i>circumnavigatus</i>
Root Word? <b>Yes</b> or No Root: nav Meaning: ship	Suffix? <b>Yes</b> or No Suffix: -ate Meaning: act upon	Circum- + navigare (to navigate)
Give the Word's Denotation:	To sail all the way around (something, especially the world)	Part of Speech: vt

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