

Suffixes



A **suffix** is a letter or group of letters that can be **added** to the end of a **word** to make a **new word**.

'advert' is the **root word**.

→ advert + ise → advertise

'-ise' is a **suffix**.

Sometimes the **spelling** of the root word **changes** when a **suffix** is added.

happy + ly → happily

The 'y' in 'happy' **changes to 'i'** when the suffix '-ly' is added.

1 Add **-ous** or **-ly** to spell the words below correctly. Then write the words out in **full**.

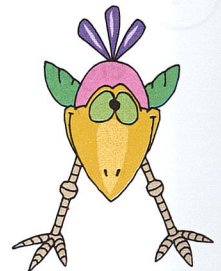
fame + →

angry + →

humour + →

scary + →

Watch out — the **spelling** of some of these words needs to **change** when you add the **suffix**.



2 Put a **tick** in the boxes next to the words that are spelt **correctly**. Put a **cross** in the boxes next to the words that are spelt **incorrectly**.

simplify

justiceify

activeate

memoryise

criticise

terrorify

Write the **correct** spellings of the words you put a cross next to in the box below.