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Use what you know. Follow the investigation!

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SEE IT



SAY IT



CLAP IT



BREAK IT



FIND WHAT
WE KNOW



READ IT



WRITE IT

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Our Language Toolbox

Look at the tools. These help us build and understand words.

SYLLABLES

COMPOUND
WORDS

BASE

PREFIX

SUFFIX

WORD
ROOTS

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Put SUFFIX on the Workbench

See it. Say It. Clap It. Break It.

SUFFIX

Clap It!

SUF | FIX

Break It!

Can we investigate
this break?

SUF + FIX

SAME WORD. DIFFERENT TOOL.

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The Modern Suffix Job.

BASE:



A SUFFIX IS ADDED _____ A BASE.
(Write AFTER)



Tools in our toolbox have history too!

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The Problem of the Word **SUFFIX**.

Use your clues. Check what changed!

EVIDENCE WORDS

SUBMARINE



SUB + MARINE

Where is a submarine?
(UNDER water).

EVIDENCE WORDS

SUBZERO



SUB + ZERO

What does subzero mean?
(BELOW zero).

TARGET WORD:

SUFFIX



SUF + FIX

Added after a base.

SUB stayed the same in our evidence words—but

SUBMARINE



SUB

SUBZERO



SUB

But **SUFFIX** says **SUF**.
What changed?

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Need Another Tool?

This is a good clue, but it does not explain the name. What tool can help us learn more?



The history of a word can give us clues!