

Expand your vocabulary - suffixes

Adding suffixes to words you already know can help you expand your vocabulary. Here are some examples of various suffixes. Ask your language helper to give you others in each category.

1. Adding the suffix -бон, -гар, -гор, -кор, or -чӣ to a noun forms a new noun that is a type of person.

Examples:

нигаҳ	protection	нигаҳбон	protector
хизмат	service	хизматгор	servant
кор	work	коргар	worker
инқилоб	revolution	инқилобчӣ	revolutionary
бино	building	бинокор	builder
эҷод	creation, invention	эҷодкор	creator, inventor
ҷиноят	crime	ҷинояткор	criminal
миз	table	мизбон	host
марз	border	марзбон	border guard
ҳимоя	defense	ҳимоягар	defender
насихат	advice	насихатгар	advisor
таҳлил	analysis	таҳлилгар	analyst
ҳила	trick, deception	ҳилагар	tricker, deceiver
иттифоқ	union, alliance	иттифоқчӣ	ally
хизмат	service, work	хизматчӣ	employee, assistant
хиёнат	betrayal	хиёнатчӣ	traitor
иқтисод	economy	иқтисодчӣ	economist

2. Adding the suffix -зор, -сор, -истон to a noun forms a noun for a place.

Examples:

гул	flower	гулзор	flower garden
кӯҳ	mountain	кӯҳсор	mountainous area
чашма	spring	чашмосор	source of the spring
Тоҷик	Tajik	Тоҷикистон	Tajikistan (place of the Tajiks)
гул	flower	гулистон	flower garden
қабр	grave, tomb	қабристон	graveyard, cemetery

3. Adding the suffix -дон to a noun forms a new noun for something that holds something else.

Examples:

гул	flower	гулдон	flower vase
ях	ice	яхдон	freezer or refrigerator
ғалла	grain	ғалладон	granary, silo

4. Adding the suffix –нома forms a noun for a kind of document.

Examples:

шарт	condition	шартнома	contract, agreement
савол	question	саволнома	questionnaire
шаҳодат	testimony, evidence	шаҳодатнома	Certificate, birth certificate
сол	year	солнома	calendar
иҷозат	permission	иҷозатнома	permit, license, pass
кор	work	корнома	resume, CV

5. Adding the suffix –хона to a noun forms a new noun for a building.

Examples:

чай	tea	чайхона	tea house, cafe
дору	medicine	дорухона	chemist, pharmacy
кор	work	корхона	office, workshop
сартарош	barber	сартарвошхона	barber shop

Exercises

1. Guess what these words mean, then look them up in a dictionary to see if you are correct.
бачадон, киштибон, алафзор, ангурзор, дегдон, боғбон, оҳангар, ҳисобчӣ, дарахтзор,
намақдон, табрикнома, қаҳвахона
2. Explore some more suffixes with your language helper. Here are some to get you started.

-овар
-гир
-диҳанда
-нок
-олуд
-дил
-дор
-каш