

# E-RESOURCE CENTER

## GRAMMAR TUTORIALS

### Grammar Handout

#### Common word endings for nouns, adjectives, verbs, and adverbs

Noun endings	
-ion	All students are invited to attend the art <b>exhibition</b> that will open tomorrow.
-ation	Teachers encourage young students to develop their <b>imagination</b> .
-ment	Over the last two decades, China has achieved phenomenal economic <b>development</b> .
-ness	The bridge has been closed since engineers found a serious structural <b>weakness</b> .
-ance	My family always stressed the <b>importance</b> of a good education.
-ence	The United States declared <b>independence</b> from Great Britain in 1776.
-er/-or	Ronald Reagan was considered a great <b>communicator</b> .
-ship	An <b>internship</b> is a good opportunity for new graduates to get some work experience.

Adjective endings	
-ive	A grant has been given to renovate the school cafeteria and make it more <b>attractive</b> .
-al	<b>Environmental</b> scientists are worried about the speed of climate change.
-ic	The proposal will provide several <b>economic</b> benefits to the community.
-ical	"Animal Farm," a famous <b>satirical</b> novel by George Orwell, was published in 1945.
-able	The software was free, but it was not <b>reliable</b> .
-ful	The response the doctor gave was not <b>helpful</b> .
-ous	Talking on cell phones while driving is <b>dangerous</b> .
-y	The subway doesn't function well on very <b>rainy</b> days.

Verb endings	
-ize	Children can <b>socialize</b> in the park.
-en	Businesses <b>strengthen</b> their relationships with customers by listening to them.
-ify	The application forms <b>simplify</b> the process of applying to college.

Adverb endings	
-ly	Many people believe that globalization <b>negatively</b> affects poor countries.
-wards	The truck was slowly moving <b>backwards</b> when it crashed into a parked vehicle.
-wise	The Earth rotates <b>clockwise</b> if you look at it from above the south pole.