

## Unit 10 - Parts of Speech

### Lesson 6 - Suffixes on parts of speech

#### Activity

- Working with a partner, students complete p.74.
- Have them group the suffixes by parts of speech.  
e.g.  
nouns: -ness, -tor, -or, -er, -ment, -tion, -y  
verbs: -ate, -en, -ire, -fy  
adjectives: -ful, -ous, -able, -ary, -ing (briefly review participles)  
adverbs: -ly
- Run words like friendly and cowardly vs. bravely and angrily through the parts of speech tests. "She is cowardly," but not "She is bravely."

#### Discuss

- By changing the endings of words we can make different uses for words. We can then express ourselves with greater variety.
- In highly inflected languages, such as Latin, when we change the inflection of a word, we can change its gender, number, function in a sentence, etc.  
In English and many other languages when we change the ending of a word, when we use a different suffix, we can change the whole part of speech of the word.
- You can figure out some other information, other than what the part of speech is, by looking at the suffixes.  
e.g. -tor, -or, -er refer to people  
-ness is a noun that has been made from an adjective  
-tion is a noun that has been made from a verb

Generate some lists to test these patterns.

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