

# INFLECTIONAL AND DERIVATIONAL AFFIXES

## (**PART ONE**): THE INFLECTIONAL AFFIXES

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# INFLECTIONAL AFFIXES:

- There are only (9) inflectional Affixes in English, they are:

The part of speech to which the inflectional suffixes are attached	The inflectional Affix	examples
noun	-s pl	Books, dogs, mice, men,...
	-s sg. ps	Boy's ....., sarah's,...
	-s pl. ps	Boys', men's
verb	-s 3d.	plays, writes, goes. freezes
	-ing verb	playing, writing, going, freezing
	-ed pt.	played, wrote, went, froze
	-ed pp.	played, written, gone, frozen
Adjective	-er cp.	shorter cleverer, nicer
	-est sp.	shortest, cleverest, nicest



# THE STEM

❑ The stem is the base or the bases with all derivational affixes(if the word contains any derivational suffixes or prefixes) without any inflectional affixes.

❑ The inflectional suffixes and infixes are attached to **the stem**

- The stem of dark is dark
- The stem of (playboys) is playboy
- The stem of (beautified) is beautify
- The stem of (wrote) is write