

THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE INFLECTIONAL AND THE DERIVATIONAL SUFFIXES:

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1-The inflectional suffixes do not change the part of the speech (the noun remains a noun, the verb remains a verb,...)

Call calls calling called called (all are verbs)

Boy boys, boy's, boys' (all are nouns)

Pretty prettier, prettiest (both are adjectives)



2- The inflectional suffixes come last in a word.

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3- The inflectional suffixes go with all stems of a given part of speech

(-s 3rd) ----- eats, plays, writes, travels, mentions,...

(-s sg ps)----- boy's, John's, William's, the student's,....



4- The inflectional suffixes do not pile up: only one ends a word.

Exception:

The only exception is the (-s pl ps) which comes after the (-s pl). It is indicated in writing by an apostrophe (') because the plural possessive (-s) is deleted.

The students' books (-s pl) + (-s pl ps)

