

Suffix -dom Wordlist





The suffix -dom is added to words to make nouns that mean:

1 the condition or state of freedom - the state of being free "Most people don't appreciate their freedom until they lose it."

② the rank of; an area ruled by kingdom - the area ruled by a king "King Richard ruled his kingdom with an iron fist."

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Word Origin

Old English -dom, originally meaning 'decree, judgement'.

*The suffix -dom is very similar in meaning to the suffix -hood which means the state or quality of. Do a deep dive into the suffix -hood here>> How Do You Use the Suffix -hood? (17 Examples + Video)

Words with the suffix -dom + example sentences

Boredom - the state of feeling bored

- "Rodney loves living in a big city, he would die of **boredom** if he had to move to the countryside."
- "People often eat out of **boredom**. If you have nothing to do, you eat something just to pass the time even though you're not hungry."

Christendom - all the Christian people and countries of the world

- "Christendom spread across Europe after the conversion of the Roman Emperor Constantine."
- "The medieval kingdoms of Europe were considered part of Christendom."

Fandom - the state of being a fan of somebody/something

- "Jimmy's soccer fandom became a lifelong obsession."
- "I entered a speech contest in high school, and the title of my speech was 'My 10 years of baseball **fandom**'. I have loved baseball since I was 6 years old."

<u>Freedom</u> - Oxford Learner's Dictionaries has 6 ways to use this noun. Here are the most common meanings.

- 1) the power or right to do or say what you want without anyone stopping you
 - "The people fought for their freedom from oppression."
 - "Most people don't appreciate their freedom until they lose it."
- 2) the state of not being a prisoner or slave
 - "After 18 months in prison and two trials, Gregory finally won his freedom."
 - "Most slaves were granted freedom after the Civil War."
- ③ the state of not being affected by the thing mentioned "All people want **freedom** from discrimination based on gender or ethnicity." <u>Kingdom</u> - a country that has a king or queen as head of state (= official leader of the country)
 - "The kingdom was ruled by a wise and just king."

• "King Richard ruled his kingdom with an iron fist."

Martyrdom - the painful experiences or death of a martyr [a martyr is a person who is killed because of their religious or political beliefs]

• "His martyrdom was the ultimate sacrifice for his beliefs."

Officialdom - people who are in positions of authority in large organizations when they seem to be more interested in following rules than in being helpful

*This is a new word for me. I don't think I have heard it before and I definitely have never used it myself. Oxford Learner's Dictionaries has the definition for this word so I included it in my post.

- "The report is critical of attempts by **officialdom** to deal with the problem of <u>homelessness</u>."
- "He was not accustomed to the bureaucracy of officialdom."

The word <u>home</u>lessness is made by adding two suffixes to the noun home. The suffix **less** and the suffix **ness**. Learn more about these suffixes at the links below.

How to Use the Suffix -NESS (Real examples, Video + Free PDF download)

<u>Adjectives with the Suffix -less (79 Examples, Video + Free PDF download)</u>
<u>Stardom</u> - the state of being famous as an actor, a singer, etc. (Being a star.)

- "She achieved stardom at a young age with her first hit single."
- "His performance at the World Cup propelled him to soccer stardom."

<u>Wisdom</u> - the ability to make sensible decisions and give good advice because of the experience and knowledge that you have

- "The **wisdom** of the ages has taught us to value knowledge and understanding above all else."
- "If you feel drops of water falling on you, intelligence tells you that it's raining. **Wisdom** tells you to go inside."

These last two words with the suffix -dom are not really used anymore except when talking about the history of Europe and England. (England is also called the United **Kingdom**.)

<u>Dukedom</u> - the rank or position of a duke [a duke is a nobleman (a man from a family of high social level) of the highest rank]

• "The young prince was given the **dukedom** upon his father's death."

<u>Serfdom</u> - the state of being a serf [a person who was forced to live and work on land that belonged to a landowner]

 "The end of serfdom was a major step towards a modern and free society."



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