



# -wise suffix

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In modern English the suffix -wise is attached to nouns to form a sentence adverb meaning 'concerning or with respect to', as in confidence-wise, tax-wise, price-wise, time-wise, news-wise, and culture-wise.



The suffix -wise is very productive and widely used in modern English but most of the words so formed are considered inelegant or not good English style.

Some words with the suffix -wise have dropped the hyphen and been accepted into English usage.

Examples:

Clockwise, Lengthwise, likewise, otherwise, slantwise, crabwise.

More examples:

- What shall we do **food-wise** - do you fancy going out to eat?
- **Money-wise**, of course, I'm much better off than I used to be.
- What do we need to take with us **clothes-wise**?
- We were very lucky **weather-wise** yesterday.
- How are we doing **time-wise**?