

# English Suffixes

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# Suffixes

## Suffixes to Create NOUNS

<b>-acy,</b> <b>-cy</b>	state or quality	<b>privacy:</b> the state of being alone <b>infancy:</b> the state of being a baby or young child
<b>-age</b>	activity, or result of action	<b>courage:</b> having the spirit to overcome fear
<b>-al</b>	action, result of action	<b>referral:</b> the action of directing a person to another place
<b>-an</b>	person	<b>artisan:</b> a craftsperson
<b>-ance,</b> <b>-ence</b>	action, state, quality or process	<b>resistance:</b> the action of opposing something <b>independence:</b> the state of not being under the control of others
<b>-ancy,</b> <b>-ency</b>	state, quality or capacity	<b>vacancy:</b> an empty room or position <b>agency:</b> the capacity to exert power or influence, a position or person that performs a function
<b>-ant,</b> <b>-ent</b>	an agent, something that performs the action	<b>disinfectant:</b> something that cleans <b>dependent:</b> a thing supported or determined by another
<b>-ate</b>	state, office, fuction	<b>candidate:</b> a person nominated for an office or position
<b>-ation</b>	action, resulting state	<b>specialization:</b> the result of being distinguished by one quality or ability
<b>-dom</b>	place, state of being	<b>wisdom:</b> possessing knowledge
<b>-er,</b> <b>-or</b>	person or thing that does something	<b>baker:</b> a person who bakes <b>collector:</b> a person who collects or gathers things
<b>-ful</b>	an amount or quantity that fills	<b>mouthful:</b> an amount that fills the mouth
<b>-ian,</b> <b>-an</b>	related to, one that is	<b>politician:</b> a person works in politics

# Noun Suffixes

<i>-ness</i>		
<i>-ia</i>	names, diseases	<b>phobia</b> : an illogical fear of something
<i>-iatry</i>	art of healing	<b>psychiatry</b> : branch of medicine dealing with the mind and emotions
<i>-ic,</i> <i>-ics</i>	related to the arts and sciences	<b>arithmetic</b> : a branch of math dealing with non-negative numbers <b>economics</b> : the social science related to studying business
<i>-ice</i>	act	<b>malice</b> : the desire to do evil
<i>-ing</i>	material made for, activity, result of an activity	<b>swimming</b> : the activity of swimming through water <b>building</b> : the result of making a structure
<i>-ion</i>	condition or action	<b>abduction</b> : the action of carrying someone away by force
<i>-ism</i>	doctrine, belief, action or conduct	<b>formalism</b> : a belief in sticking to prescribed forms
<i>-ist</i>	person or member	<b>podiatrist</b> : a foot doctor
<i>-ite</i>	product or part	<b>graphite</b> : a black material used in making pencils
<i>-ity,</i> <i>-ty</i>	state or quality	<b>novelty</b> : something new or unusual

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<i>-ment</i>	condition or result	<b>document</b> : official paper showing proof or evidence of something
<i>-ness</i>	state, condition, quality	<b>kindness</b> : the quality of being kind or nice
<i>-ology</i>	the study of	<b>biology</b> : the study of life
<i>-or</i>	condition or activity	<b>valor</b> : bravery, courage
<i>-ory</i>	place for, serves for	<b>territory</b> : an area around a place
<i>-ship</i>	status, condition	<b>friendship</b> : the state of being a friend
<i>-ure</i>	act, condition, process, function	<b>exposure</b> : the condition of being exposed or unprotected
<i>-y</i>	state, condition, result of an activity	<b>society</b> : companionship <b>victory</b> : the result of winning something

# Verb Suffixes

## Suffixes to Create VERBS

<i>-ate</i>	cause to be	graduate: to give a degree to, to pass from one stage to the next
<i>-ed</i>	past tense	attained: something that has been reached or grasped
<i>-en</i>	to cause to become	moisten: to cause to become moist or damp
<i>-er, -or</i>	action	ponder: to think about clamor: to make noise, to call for loudly
<i>-ify</i>	cause	specify: to name or indicate in detail
<i>-ing</i>	present participle	depicting: showing, describing with images or pictures
<i>-ize</i>	cause	fantasize: to create images in the mind
<i>-ure</i>	act	conjecture: to come to a conclusion by supposition or guesswork



# Adjective Suffixes

## Suffixes to Create ADJECTIVES

<i>-able, -ible</i>	worth, ability	<b>solvable:</b> able to be solved or explained <b>incredible:</b> not able to be believed, amazing
<i>-al, -ial, -ical</i>	quality, relation	<b>structural:</b> related to the physical make up of a thing <b>territorial:</b> related to nearby or local areas <b>categorical:</b> related to a category, absolute
<i>-ant, -ent, -ient</i>	indicating, being	<b>important:</b> indicating value or worth <b>dependent:</b> relying upon something else
<i>-ar, -ary</i>	resembling, related to	<b>spectacular:</b> related to something that is eye-catching or amazing <b>unitary:</b> related to units or single groups representing quantities
<i>-ate</i>	kind of state	<b>inviolate:</b> not disturbed, pure
<i>-ed</i>	having the quality of	<b>terraced:</b> having terraces or steps

<i>-en</i>	material	<b>silken:</b> made from silk, a fiber produced by worms
<i>-er</i>	comparative	<b>brighter:</b> more light
<i>-est</i>	superlative	<b>strongest:</b> having the most strength
<i>-ful</i>	having, giving, marked by	<b>fanciful:</b> marked by imagination

# Adjective Suffixes

<i>-ic</i>	quality, relation	<b>generic:</b> related to a whole group
<i>-ile</i>	having the qualities of	<b>projectile:</b> something thrown with an outside force
<i>-ing</i>	activity	<b>cohering:</b> the act of sticking together
<i>-ish</i>	having the character of, about, almost	<b>newish:</b> modern, recent
<i>-ive,</i> <i>-ative,</i> <i>-itive</i>	having the quality of	<b>festive:</b> having the quality of a festival or party <b>cooperative:</b> being able or willing to work together <b>sensitive:</b> easily felt, responsive to the senses
<i>-less</i>	without, missing	<b>penniless:</b> a person without any money
<i>-ous,</i> <i>-eous,</i> <i>-ose,</i> <i>-ious</i>	having the quality of, relating to	<b>adventurous:</b> characterized by the desire to seek adventures <b>courageous:</b> characterized by courage, brave <b>verbose:</b> having more words than needed
<i>-y</i>	marked by, having	<b>hungry:</b> having hunger, marked by a desire

# Adverb Suffixes

## Suffixes to Create ADVERBS

<i>-fold</i>	in a manner of, marked by	<b>fourfold:</b> being four times as great
<i>-ly</i>	in the manner of	<b>fluently:</b> marked by ease of movement, effortlessly smooth
<i>-ward</i>	in a direction or manner	<b>homeward:</b> toward home
<i>-wise</i>	in the manner of, with regard to	<b>timewise:</b> with regard to time