

English Suffixes

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Suffixes

Suffixes to Create NOUNS

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

Noun Suffixes

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

Noun Suffixes

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

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

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

Adjective Suffixes

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

Adverb Suffixes

Suffixes to Create ADVERBS

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