

COMMON SUFFIXES, MEANINGS, FORMS, AND EXAMPLES

Suffix	Meaning	Form	Examples
-able/-ible	capable of	Adjective	tangible, responsible, manageable
-age	result of	Noun	passage, average, courage
-al	relating to	Adjective	special, natural, critical
-an	one who	Noun	musician, sultan, republican
-ance/-ence	state or quality of	Noun	entrance, brilliance, independence-
-ant	one who	Noun	attendant, tenant, tyrant
-ant	inclined to	Adjective	resultant, expectant, brilliant
-ate	to make	Verb	implicate, resonate, terminate
-ate	state or quality of	Adjective	moderate, aggregate, immediate
-ed	past tense	Verb	wretched, turned, camped
-ee	recipient of	Noun	attendee, trainee, employee
-eer	one who	Noun	mountaineer, pioneer, engineer
-en	to make	Verb	hasten, sharpen, harden
-en	state or quality of	Adjective	golden, wooden
-ent	one who	Noun	delinquent, recipient
-ent	inclined to	Adjective	transient, coherent, congruent
-er	more	Adjective	bigger, faster, stronger
-er/-or	one who	Noun	author, player, singer, orator
-ess	one who (feminine)	Noun	empress, duchess, hostess
-est	most	Adjective	softest, loudest, heaviest
-ety/-ity/-ty	state of	Noun	loyalty, clarity, variety
-ful	full of	Adjective	colorful, graceful, shameful
-hood	condition of	Noun	childhood, parenthood, statehood
-ic	having characteristics of	Adjective	pathetic, energetic, volcanic
-ify	to cause or make	Verb	clarify, magnify, testify
-ile	state or quality of	Adjective	infantile, futile, versatile
-ing	materials	Noun	bedding, dressing, trimmings
-ing	action or process	Verb	playing, catching, listening
-ion	act or condition	Noun	action, question, discussion, opinion
-ism	practice or belief	Noun	realism, communism, idealism
-ist	one who practices	Noun	pianist, oncologist, artist, cultist
-it	relating to	Adjective	implicit, explicit, tacit

-ive	inclined to	Adjective	respective, speculative, constructive
-ize	to make	Verb	memorize, hypnotize, realize
-less	without	Adjective	colorless, boundless, worthless
-ly	in a specified way	Adjective	shortly, richly, earthly
-ment	state or act of	Noun	payment, employment, basement
-ness	state or condition	Noun	happiness, heaviness, sharpness
-ous	state or quality of	Adjective	outrageous, precious, delicious
-s/-es	plural	Noun	rocks, days, lunches
-s/-es	third person, singular	Verb	runs, works, watches
-ship	art, skill, condition	Noun	membership, leadership, companionship
-ure	act, process, result	Noun	pasture, composure, rupture
-y	characterized by	Adjective	sunny, cloudy, hearty