

LIST OF COMMON SUFFIXES

NOUN SUFFIXES

Suffixes	Meaning	Example
○ -ment	condition of	argument
○ -ist	one who	chemist
○ -ism	doctrine, belief	communism
○ -sion, -tion	state of being	concession
○ -ship	position held	fellowship
○ -dom	state of being	freedom
○ -ness	state of being	heaviness
○ -ity, -ty	quality of	inactivity
○ -ance, -ence	state or quality	maintenance
○ -acy	state or quality	privacy
○ -al	act or process of	refusal
○ -er, -or	one who	trainer

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VERB SUFFIXES

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-ize, -ise	become	civilize
-en	become	enlighten
-ate	become	regulate
-ify, -fy	make or become	terrify

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ADVERB SUFFIXES

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-ward	in a certain direction	backward, wayward, awkward, afterward
-ly	in what manner something is being done	bravely, simply, honestly, gladly
-wise	in relation to	clockwise, edgewise, lengthwise, otherwise

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ADJECTIVE SUFFIXES

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○ -ive	having the nature of	creative
○ -able, -ible	capable of being	edible
○ -less	without	endless
○ -ful	notable for	fanciful
○ -ish	having the quality	fiendish
○ -ic, -ical	pertaining to	musical
○ -ious, -ous	characterized by	nutritious
○ -esque	reminiscent of	picturesque
○ -al	pertaining to	regional
○ -y	characterized by	sleazy
○ -ive	having the nature of	creative