

SUFFIXES in English

<i>NOUN suffixes</i>			
<i>STATES</i>			
<i>Suffix</i>	<i>Mainly added to</i>	<i>Usual meaning</i>	<i>Examples</i>
-dom	• [NOUNS] • [VERBS]	the condition or state of; the rank of or the are ruled by; the group of	• <i>king</i> → <i>kingdom</i> ; <i>duke</i> → <i>dukedom</i> ; <i>star</i> → <i>stardom</i> ; <i>martyr</i> → <i>martyrdom</i> • <i>bore</i> → <i>boredom</i> ; <i>free</i> → <i>freedom</i> ;
-hood	• [NOUNS]	the state or quality of; a group of people of the type mentioned	• <i>parent</i> → <i>parenthood</i> ; <i>child</i> → <i>childhood</i> ; <i>neighbour</i> → <i>neighbourhood</i> ; <i>brother</i> → <i>brotherhood</i> ; <i>priest</i> → <i>priesthood</i>
-ship	• [NOUNS]	the state or quality of; the status or office of; skill or ability as; the group of	• <i>owner</i> → <i>ownership</i> ; <i>friend</i> → <i>friendship</i> ; <i>citizen</i> → <i>citizenship</i> ; <i>professor</i> → <i>professorship</i> ; <i>musician</i> → <i>musicianship</i> ; <i>member</i> → <i>membership</i>
<i>QUALITIES</i>			
<i>Suffix</i>	<i>Mainly added to</i>	<i>Usual meaning</i>	<i>Examples</i>
-ity	• [ADJECTIVES]	condition or quality of	• <i>complex</i> → <i>complexity</i> ; <i>creative</i> → <i>creativity</i> ; <i>secure</i> → <i>security</i> ; <i>equal</i> → <i>equality</i> ; <i>curious</i> → <i>curiosity</i> ; <i>formal</i> → <i>formality</i> ; <i>flexible</i> → <i>flexibility</i> ; <i>able</i> → <i>ability</i>
-ment	• [VERBS]	the action or result of	• <i>retire</i> → <i>retirement</i> ; <i>develop</i> → <i>development</i> ; <i>arrange</i> → <i>arrangement</i> ; <i>embarrass</i> → <i>embarrassment</i> ; <i>excite</i> → <i>excitement</i>
-ness	• [ADJECTIVES]	the state or quality of	• <i>happy</i> → <i>happiness</i> ; <i>ill</i> → <i>illness</i> ; <i>dark</i> → <i>darkness</i> ; <i>lonely</i> → <i>loneliness</i> ; <i>mad</i> → <i>madness</i> ; <i>kind</i> → <i>kindness</i> ; <i>busy</i> → <i>business</i>
-ancy (1)	• [VERBS]	the state or quality of	• <i>expect</i> → <i>expectancy</i>
-ance	• [ADJECTIVES] • [VERBS]	the action or state of	• <i>elegant</i> → <i>elegance</i> ; <i>important</i> → <i>importance</i> ; <i>ignorant</i> → <i>ignorance</i> ; <i>relevant</i> → <i>relevance</i> • <i>allow</i> → <i>allowance</i> ; <i>perform</i> → <i>performance</i>
-cy (1)	• [ADJECTIVES] • [NOUNS]	the state or quality of; the status or position of	• <i>infant</i> → <i>infancy</i> ; <i>private</i> → <i>privacy</i> ; <i>accurate</i> → <i>accuracy</i> • <i>chaplain</i> → <i>chaplaincy</i>
-ence	• [VERBS]	the action or state of	• <i>confident</i> → <i>confidence</i>
-ency (1)		the state or quality of	• <i>complacent</i> → <i>complacency</i> ; <i>president</i> → <i>presidency</i>
-th	• [ADJECTIVES] • [VERBS]	the action or process of	• <i>long</i> → <i>length</i> ; <i>true</i> → <i>truth</i> ; <i>deep</i> → <i>depth</i> ; <i>wide</i> → <i>width</i> ; <i>dead</i> → <i>death</i> ; <i>strong</i> → <i>strength</i> • <i>grow</i> → <i>growth</i>

ACTIVITIES or PROCESSES			
<i>Suffix</i>	<i>Mainly added to</i>	<i>Usual meaning</i>	<i>Examples</i>
-age	• [NOUNS] • [VERBS]	the action or result of; the state of condition of; a set or group of; an amount of; the cost of; a place where	• <i>bag</i> → <i>baggage</i> ; <i>mile</i> → <i>mileage</i> ; <i>post</i> → <i>postage</i> ; <i>anchor</i> → <i>anchorage</i> • <i>Break</i> → <i>breakage</i> ; <i>marry</i> → <i>marriage</i> ; <i>shrink</i> → <i>shrinkage</i>
-al	• [VERBS]	a process or state of	• <i>deny</i> → <i>denial</i> ; <i>survive</i> → <i>survival</i> ; <i>arrive</i> → <i>arrival</i> ; <i>bury</i> → <i>burial</i>
-(e)ry	• [ADJECTIVES] • [NOUNS] • [VERBS]	the group or class of something; the state or character of; the art or practice of; a place where something is made, grows, lives, etc.	• <i>green</i> → <i>greenery</i> ; <i>brave</i> → <i>bravery</i> ; <i>rival</i> → <i>rivalry</i> • <i>cook</i> → <i>cooking</i> ; <i>arch</i> → <i>archery</i> • <i>bake</i> → <i>bakery</i> ; <i>deliver</i> → <i>delivery</i>
-ics		the science, art or activity of	• <i>physics</i> ; <i>politics</i> ; <i>dramatics</i> ; <i>athlete</i> → <i>athletics</i>
-ing	• [VERBS]	the quality of material; an activity	• <i>suffer</i> → <i>suffering</i> ; <i>drive</i> → <i>driving</i> ; <i>mean</i> → <i>meaning</i> ; <i>swim</i> → <i>swimming</i>
-ion (also -ation ; -ition ; -sion ; -tion ; -xion)	• [VERBS]	the action or state of	• <i>dictate</i> → <i>dictation</i> ; <i>hesitate</i> → <i>hesitation</i> ; <i>compete</i> → <i>competition</i> ; <i>confess</i> → <i>confession</i> ; <i>rebel</i> → <i>rebellion</i>
-ism	• [ADJECTIVES] • [NOUNS]	the action or result of; the state or quality of; the teaching, system or movement of; unfair treatment or hatred for the reason mentioned; a feature of language of the type mentioned; a medical condition or disease	• <i>American</i> → <i>Americanism</i> ; <i>colloquial</i> → <i>colloquialism</i> • <i>hero</i> → <i>heroism</i> ; <i>Buddha</i> → <i>Buddhism</i> ; <i>race</i> → <i>racism</i> ; <i>alcohol</i> → <i>alcoholism</i> ; <i>critic</i> → <i>criticism</i>
-ure	• [VERBS]	the action, process or result of	• <i>fail</i> → <i>failure</i> ; <i>close</i> → <i>closure</i> ; <i>depart</i> → <i>departure</i> ; <i>please</i> → <i>pleasure</i>
-y	• [VERBS]	the action or process of	• <i>inquire</i> → <i>inquiry</i>

OCCUPATIONS			
<i>Suffix</i>	<i>Mainly added to</i>	<i>Usual meaning</i>	<i>Examples</i>
-ant	• [VERBS]	a person or thing that	• <i>inhabit</i> → <i>inhabitant</i> ; <i>depend</i> → <i>dependant</i>
-ee	• [ADJECTIVES] • [VERBS]	a person affected by an action; a person described as or concerned with	• <i>absent</i> → <i>absentee</i> • <i>employ</i> → <i>employee</i> ; <i>refuge</i> → <i>refugee</i> ; <i>train</i> → <i>trainee</i>
-eer	• [NOUNS]	a person concerned with	• <i>auction</i> → <i>auctioneer</i> ; <i>mountain</i> → <i>mountaineer</i>

-ent	• [VERBS]	a person or thing that	• <i>deter</i> → <i>deterrent</i>
-er	• [ADJECTIVES] • [NOUNS] • [VERBS]	a person or thing that; a person or thing that has the thing or quality mentioned; a person concerned with; a person belonging to	• <i>foreign</i> → <i>foreigner</i> • <i>lexicography</i> → <i>lexicographer</i> ; <i>Dublin</i> → <i>Dubliner</i> • <i>love</i> → <i>lover</i> ; <i>win</i> → <i>winner</i> ; <i>compute</i> → <i>computer</i>
-ese	• [NOUNS]	from a place; a person who lives in a country or city; the style or language of	• <i>Portugal</i> → <i>Portuguese</i> ; <i>Vienna</i> → <i>Viennese</i> ; <i>journal</i> → <i>journalese</i> ; <i>official</i> → <i>officialese</i>
-ess	• [NOUNS]	female	• <i>host</i> → <i>hostess</i> ; <i>waiter</i> → <i>waitress</i> ; <i>lion</i> → <i>lioness</i> ; <i>tiger</i> → <i>tigress</i> ; <i>god</i> → <i>goddess</i>
-ette	• [NOUNS]	female; small	• <i>usher</i> → <i>usherette</i> ; <i>suffrage</i> → <i>suffragette</i> ; <i>kitchen</i> → <i>kitchenette</i>
-ian	• [NOUNS]	from, typical of; a specialist in; a person who does something as a job or hobby	• <i>Boston</i> → <i>Bostonian</i> ; <i>Brazil</i> → <i>Brazilian</i> ; <i>Shakespeare</i> → <i>Shakespearian</i> ; <i>mathematics</i> → <i>mathematician</i> ; <i>physics</i> → <i>physician</i> ; <i>history</i> → <i>historian</i> ; <i>comedy</i> → <i>comedian</i> ; <i>politics</i> → <i>politician</i>
-ist	• [NOUNS]	a person who believes or practises something; a member of a profession or business activity; a person who uses a thing; a person who does something	• <i>Atheism</i> ↔ <i>Atheist</i> ; <i>dentistry</i> ↔ <i>dentist</i> ; <i>violin</i> → <i>violinist</i> ; <i>guitar</i> → <i>guitarist</i> ; <i>plagiarism</i> ↔ <i>plagiarist</i>
-or	• [VERBS]	a person or thing that does something as job	• <i>act</i> → <i>actor</i> ; <i>sail</i> → <i>sailor</i> ; <i>conduct</i> → <i>conductor</i> ; <i>comment</i> → <i>commentator</i>

NEOCLASSICAL			
<i>Suffix</i>	<i>Added to</i>	<i>Usual meaning</i>	<i>Examples</i>
-archy		Rule, leadership	• <i>monarchy</i> ; <i>anarchy</i>
-cide		The act of killing; a person or thing that kills	• <i>suicide</i> ; <i>genocide</i> ; <i>regicide</i>
-cracy		Government; rule	• <i>democracy</i> ; <i>bureaucracy</i>
-ectomy		A medical operation in which a part of the body is removed	• <i>appendectomy</i> ; <i>vasectomy</i>
-holic		Love; addiction	• <i>alcoholic</i> , <i>workaholic</i> , <i>chocoholic</i>
-itis		Inflammation; disease	• <i>tonsillitis</i> ; <i>gingivitis</i> ; <i>hepatitis</i>
-mania		Mental illness of a particular type	• <i>kleptomania</i> ; <i>pyromania</i>
-meter		A device for measuring the thing mentioned	• <i>chronometer</i> ; <i>speedometer</i> , <i>thermometer</i>
-ogram		Writing, description	• <i>ideogram</i>
-ography		Writing, description	• <i>geography</i> , <i>topography</i>
-ology		A subject of study; a characteristic of speech or writing	• <i>sociology</i> , <i>anthropology</i> , <i>biology</i>

-phile		A person who likes a particular thing	• <i>anglophile; bibliophile</i>
-philia		Attraction or love of something [often of a sexual kind which is not considered normal]	• <i>paedophilia; necrophilia</i>
-phobe		A person who dislikes a particular thing or particular people	• <i>anglophobe; xenophobe</i>
-phobia		A strong unreasonable fear or hatred of a particular thing	• <i>claustrophobia; xenophobia</i>
-phone		An instrument that uses or makes sound; speaking particular language	• <i>telephone; xylophone</i>
-science		Knowledge	• <i>omniscience</i>
-scope		An instrument for looking through or watching something with	• <i>telescope; microscope</i>

OTHERS			
<i>Suffix</i>	<i>Mainly added to</i>	<i>Usual meaning</i>	<i>Examples</i>
-ful	• [NOUNS]	an amount that fills something	• <i>hand</i> → <i>handful</i> ; <i>spoon</i> → <i>spoonful</i> ; <i>cup</i> → <i>cupful</i> ; <i>bucket</i> → <i>bucketful</i>
-let	• [NOUNS]	small; not very important	• <i>book</i> → <i>booklet</i> ; <i>pig</i> → <i>piglet</i> ; <i>star</i> → <i>starlet</i> ; <i>brace</i> → <i>bracelet</i>
-some	• [NOUNS]	producing; likely to	• <i>fear</i> → <i>fearsome</i> ; <i>trouble</i> → <i>troublesome</i> ; <i>bother</i> → <i>bothersome</i>

ADJECTIVE suffixes			
MOST COMMON			
<i>Suffix</i>	<i>Added to</i>	<i>Meaning</i>	<i>Examples</i>
-able	• [NOUNS] • [VERBS]	that can or must be (done); having the quality of	• <i>reason</i> → <i>reasonable</i> ; <i>tax</i> → <i>taxable</i> ; <i>fashion</i> → <i>fashionable</i> ; <i>comfort</i> → <i>comfortable</i> ; <i>change</i> → <i>changeable</i> • <i>eat</i> → <i>eatable</i> ; <i>wash</i> → <i>washable</i>
-ible	• [NOUNS] • [VERBS]	that can or must be; having the quality of	• <i>horror</i> → <i>horrible</i> ; <i>sense</i> → <i>sensible</i> ; <i>access</i> → <i>accessible</i> • <i>divide</i> → <i>divisible</i>
-ed	• [NOUNS] • [VERBS]	having (the characteristics of); that suffers or receives some kind of feeling or effect	• <i>talent</i> → <i>talented</i> ; <i>beard</i> → <i>bearded</i> ; <i>disease</i> → <i>diseased</i> ; <i>interest</i> → <i>interested</i> ; • <i>bore</i> → <i>bored</i> ; <i>excite</i> → <i>excited</i> ; <i>embarrass</i> → <i>embarrassed</i>
-ing	• [NOUNS] • [VERBS]	that does or produces some kind of feeling or effect	• <i>interest</i> → <i>interesting</i> • <i>embarrass</i> → <i>embarrassing</i> ; <i>bore</i> → <i>boring</i> ; <i>amaze</i> → <i>amazing</i>
-ful	• [NOUNS] • [VERBS]	full of; having the qualities of; tending to	• <i>Sorrow</i> → <i>sorrowful</i> ; <i>success</i> → <i>successful</i> ; <i>peace</i> → <i>peaceful</i> • <i>help</i> → <i>helpful</i> ; <i>forget</i> → <i>forgetful</i>

-less	• [NOUNS]	without; not doing, not affected by	• <i>tree</i> → <i>treeless</i> ; <i>hair</i> → <i>hairless</i> ; <i>meaning</i> → <i>meaningless</i> ; <i>hope</i> → <i>hopeless</i> ; <i>harm</i> → <i>harmless</i>
-al	• [NOUNS]	connected with	• <i>magic</i> → <i>magical</i> ; <i>verb</i> → <i>verbal</i> ; <i>music</i> → <i>musical</i> ; <i>nation</i> → <i>national</i> ; <i>accident</i> → <i>accidental</i> ; <i>environment</i> → <i>environmental</i>
-ic	• [NOUNS] • [VERBS]	connected with, that performs the action mentioned	• <i>scene</i> → <i>scenic</i> ; <i>economy</i> → <i>economic</i> ; <i>Arab</i> → <i>Arabic</i> • <i>horrify</i> → <i>horrific</i> ; <i>specify</i> → <i>specific</i>
-en	• [NOUNS]	made of; looking like	• <i>wood</i> → <i>wooden</i> ; <i>gold</i> → <i>golden</i>
-ent	• [VERBS]	that is or does something	• <i>differ</i> → <i>different</i> ; <i>compete</i> → <i>competent</i>
-ant	• [VERBS]	that is or does something	• <i>signify</i> → <i>significant</i> ; <i>ignore</i> → <i>ignorant</i>
-(i)ous	• [NOUNS]	having the nature or quality of	• <i>poison</i> → <i>poisonous</i> ; <i>glory</i> → <i>glorious</i> ; <i>mystery</i> → <i>mysterious</i>
-ish	• [ADJECTIVES] • [NOUNS]	from the country mentioned; [<i>disapproving</i>] having the nature of, like; fairly, approximately	• <i>yellow</i> → <i>yellowish</i> • <i>Turkey</i> → <i>Turkish</i> ; <i>Ireland</i> → <i>Irish</i> ; <i>Spain</i> → <i>Spanish</i> ; <i>child</i> → <i>childish</i>
-ive	• [VERBS]	tending to; having the nature of	• <i>explode</i> → <i>explosive</i> ; <i>describe</i> → <i>descriptive</i> ; <i>express</i> → <i>expressive</i>
-y	• [NOUNS]	full of; having the quality of; tending to	• <i>dust</i> → <i>dusty</i> ; <i>rain</i> → <i>rainy</i> ; <i>sun</i> → <i>sunny</i> ; <i>anger</i> → <i>angry</i> ; <i>thirst</i> → <i>thirsty</i> ; <i>silk</i> → <i>silky</i> ; <i>hair</i> → <i>hairy</i>

MOST RARE

-esque	• [NOUNS]	in the style of	• <i>statue</i> → <i>statuesque</i> ; <i>Dante</i> → <i>dantesque</i>
-ial	• [NOUNS]	typical of	• <i>dictator</i> → <i>dictatorial</i>
-ian	• [NOUNS]	from, typical of	• <i>Belgium</i> → <i>Belgian</i> ; <i>Brazil</i> → <i>Brazilian</i> ; <i>Shakespeare</i> → <i>Shakespearian</i>
-like	• [NOUNS]	similar to; typical of	• <i>child</i> → <i>child-like</i> ; <i>shell</i> → <i>shell-like</i> ; <i>god</i> → <i>godlike</i>
-ly	• [NOUNS]	having the qualities of; at intervals of	• <i>friend</i> → <i>friendly</i> ; <i>coward</i> → <i>cowardly</i> ; <i>scholar</i> → <i>scholarly</i> ; <i>day</i> → <i>daily</i> ; <i>month</i> → <i>monthly</i> ; <i>year</i> → <i>yearly</i>

<i>VERB suffixes</i>			
<i>Suffix</i>	<i>Added to</i>	<i>Meaning</i>	<i>Examples</i>
-ate	• [ADJECTIVES] • [NOUNS]	To give the thing or quality mentioned	• <i>active</i> → <i>activate</i> • <i>hyphen</i> → <i>hyphenate</i> , <i>orchestra</i> → <i>orchestrate</i>
-en	• [ADJECTIVES]	To make or become	• <i>black</i> → <i>blacken</i> ; <i>sad</i> → <i>sadden</i> ; <i>deaf</i> → <i>deafen</i> ; <i>hard</i> → <i>harden</i> ; <i>sweet</i> → <i>sweeten</i> ; <i>ripe</i> → <i>ripen</i>
-ify	• [ADJECTIVES] • [NOUNS]	to make or become	• <i>solid</i> → <i>solidify</i> ; <i>simple</i> → <i>simplify</i> ; <i>pure</i> → <i>purify</i> • <i>beauty</i> → <i>beautify</i> ; <i>terror</i> → <i>terrify</i>
-ise [BrE]/ -ize [AmE]	• [ADJECTIVES] • [NOUNS]	To become, make or make like; to speak, think, act, treat, etc. in the way mentioned; to place in	• <i>private</i> → <i>privatise</i> ; <i>fossil</i> → <i>fossilize</i> ; <i>modern</i> → <i>modernise</i> ; <i>general</i> → <i>generalize</i> ; • <i>critic</i> → <i>criticize</i> ; <i>theory</i> → <i>theorise</i> ; <i>Pasteur</i> → <i>pasteurize</i> ; <i>hospital</i> → <i>hospitalise</i>

<i>ADVERB suffixes</i>			
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-ly	• [ADJECTIVES] • [NOUNS]	In the way mentioned; at intervals of	• <i>Happy</i> → <i>happily</i> ; <i>sudden</i> → <i>suddenly</i> ; <i>lucky</i> → <i>luckily</i> ; <i>beautiful</i> → <i>beautifully</i> • <i>hour</i> → <i>hourly</i> ; <i>day</i> → <i>daily</i>
-ward(s)	• [ADJECTIVES] • [ADVERBS] • [NOUNS]	In the direction of	• <i>east</i> → <i>eastward(s)</i> • <i>back</i> → <i>backward(s)</i> ; <i>up</i> → <i>upward(s)</i> ; <i>out</i> → <i>outward(s)</i> ; • <i>home</i> → <i>homeward(s)</i>
-wise	• [NOUNS]	In the manner or direction of	• <i>clock</i> → <i>clockwise</i> ; <i>side</i> → <i>sidewise</i> ; <i>length</i> → <i>lengthwise</i>