

Suffixes

Noun suffixes

Suffix	Examples
<i>-age</i>	Baggage, village.
<i>-ance / -ence</i>	Reliance, insistence.
<i>-dom</i>	Boredom, freedom, kingdom.
<i>-ee</i>	Employee, payee, trainee.
<i>-er / -or</i>	Driver, writer, director, actor.
<i>-ism</i>	Capitalism, marxism.
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<i>-ity / -ty</i>	Brutality, equality, cruelty.
<i>-ment</i>	Disappointment, amazement.
<i>-ness</i>	Happiness, kindness, usefulness.
<i>-ship</i>	Friendship, membership.
<i>-sion / -tion / -xion</i>	Expression, population, complexion.

Adjective suffixes

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<i>-able / -ible</i>	Drinkable, portable, flexible.
<i>-al</i>	Brutal, formal, postal.
<i>-en</i>	Broken, golden, wooden.
<i>-ese</i>	Chinese, Japanese.
<i>-ful</i>	Forgetful, helpful, useful.
<i>-ic</i>	Classic, poetic.
<i>-ish</i>	British, childish, Spanish.

<i>-ive</i>	Active, passive, productive.
<i>-ian</i>	Canadian, Peruvian.
<i>-less</i>	Homeless, hopeless, useless.
<i>-ous</i>	Cautious, famous, nervous.
<i>-y</i>	Cloudy, rainy, windy.

Verb suffixes

Suffix	Examples
<i>-ate</i>	Complicate, dominate, irritate.
<i>-en</i>	Harden, soften, shorten.
<i>-ify</i>	Beautify, clarify, identify.
<i>-ise / -ize</i>	Economize, realize, industrialize. Note: <i>-ise</i> is more common in British English while <i>-ize</i> is mostly used by Americans.

Adverb suffixes

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<i>-ly</i>	Quickly, easily.
<i>-ward(s)</i>	Downwards, homeward, upwards.
<i>-wise</i>	Clockwise, edgewise.