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## PREFIX

A prefix (affix) is a word, or letter(s) placed at the beginning of another word (a base word) to adjust or qualify its usage or meaning. The opposite of prefix is suffix.

A **prefix** is placed at the beginning of a word to modify or change its meaning. This is a list of the most common prefixes in English, together with their basic meaning and some examples. You can find more detail or precision for each prefix in any good dictionary.

Root, Prefix or Suffix	Meaning	Examples
<b>a, ac, ad, af, ag,</b>	to, toward, near, in	aside, accompany, adjust, aggression,
<b>al, an, ap, as, at</b>	addition to, by	allocate, annihilate, affix, associate, attend, adverb
<b>a-, an-</b>	not, without	apolitical, atheist, anarchy, anonymous, apathy, aphasia, anemia
<b>ab, abs</b>	away from, off	absolve, abrupt, absent
<b>-able, -ible</b>	Adjective: worth, ability	solvable, incredible
<b>acer, acid, acri</b>	bitter, sour, sharp	acerbic, acidity, acrid, acrimony
<b>act, ag</b>	do, act, drive	active, react, agent, active, agitate
<b>acu</b>	sharp	acute, acupuncture, accurate
<b>-acy, -cy</b>	Noun: state or quality	privacy, infancy, adequacy, intimacy, supremacy
<b>-ade</b>	act, product, sweet drink	blockade, lemonade
<b>aer, aero</b>	air, atmosphere, aviation	aerial, aerosol, aerodrome
<b>ag, agi, ig, act</b>	do, move, go	agent, agenda, agitate, navigate, ambiguous, action
<b>-age</b>	Noun: activity, or result of action	courage, suffrage, shrinkage, tonnage
<b>agri, agro</b>	pertaining to fields or soil	agriculture, agroindustry

<b>-al</b>	Noun: action, result of action	referral, disavowal, disposal, festival
<b>-al, -ial, -ical</b>	Adjective: quality, relation	structural, territorial, categorical
<b>alb, albo</b>	white, without pigment	albino, albite
<b>ali, allo, alter</b>	other	alias, alibi, alien, alloy, alter, alter ego, altruism
<b>alt</b>	high, deep	altimeter, altitude
<b>am, ami, amor</b>	love, like, liking	amorous, amiable, amicable, enamoured
<b>ambi</b>	both	ambidextrous
<b>ambul</b>	to walk	ambulatory, amble, ambulance, somnambulist
<b>-an</b>	Noun: person	artisan, guardian, historian, magician
<b>ana, ano</b>	up, back, again, anew	anode, anagram, anagenetic
<b>-ance, -ence</b>	Noun: action, state, quality or process	resistance, independence, extravagance, fraudulence
<b>-ancy, -ency</b>	Noun: state, quality or capacity	vacancy, agency, truancy, latency
<b>andr, andro</b>	male, characteristics of men	androcentric, android
<b>ang</b>	angular	angle
<b>anim</b>	mind, life, spirit, anger	animal, animate, animosity
<b>ann, annu, enni</b>	yearly	annual, annual, annuity, anniversary, perrenial
<b>-ant, -ent</b>	Noun: an agent, something that performs the action	disinfectant, dependent, fragrant
<b>-ant, -ent, -ient</b>	Adjective: kind of agent, indication	important, dependent, convenient
<b>ante</b>	before	anterior, anteroom, antebellum, antedate, antecedent antediluvian
<b>anthrop</b>	man	anthropology, misanthrope, philanthropy
<b>anti, ant</b>	against, opposite	antisocial, antiseptic, antithesis, antibody, antinomies, antifreeze, antipathy
<b>anti, antico</b>	old	antique, antiquated, antiquity
<b>apo, ap, aph</b>	away from, detached, formed	apology, apocalypse, aphagia

<b>aqu</b>	water	aqueous
<b>-ar, -ary</b>	Adjective: resembling, related to	spectacular, unitary
<b>arch</b>	chief, first, rule	archangel, architect, archaic, monarchy, matriarchy, patriarchy, Archeozoic era
<b>-ard, -art</b>	Noun: characterized	braggart, drunkard, wizard
<b>aster, astr</b>	star	aster, asterisk, asteroid, astronomy, astronaut
<b>-ate</b>	Noun: state, office, fuction	candidate, electorate, delegate
<b>-ate</b>	Verb: cause to be	graduate, ameliorate, amputate, colligate
<b>-ate</b>	Adjective: kind of state	inviolate
<b>-ation</b>	Noun: action, resulting state	specialization, aggravation, alternation
<b>auc, aug, aut</b>	to originate, to increase	augment , author, augment, auction
<b>aud, audi, aur,</b>	to hear, listen	audience, audio, audible, auditorium, audiovisual, audition, auricular, ausculate
<b>aus</b>		
<b>aug, auc</b>	increase	augur, augment, auction
<b>aut, auto</b>	self	automobile, automatic, automotive, autograph, autonomous, autoimmune
<b>bar</b>	weight, pressure	barometer
<b>be</b>	on, around, over, about, excessively, make, cause, name, affect	berate, bedeck, bespeak, belittle, beleaguer
<b>belli</b>	war	rebellion, belligerent, casus belli, bellicose
<b>bene</b>	good, well, gentle	benefactor, beneficial, benevolent, benediction, beneficiary, benefit
<b>bi, bine</b>	two	biped, bifurcate, biweekly, bivalve, biannual
<b>bibl, bibli, biblio</b>	book	bibliophile, bibliography, Bible
<b>bio, bi</b>	life	biography, biology, biometricsm biome, biosphere
<b>brev</b>	short	abbreviate, brevity, brief
<b>cad, cap, cas,</b>	to take, to seize, to hold	receive, deceive, capable, capacious, captive,
<b>ceiv, cept, capt,</b>		accident, capture, occasion, concept,
<b>cid, cip</b>		intercept, forceps, except, reciprocate
<b>cad, cas</b>	to fall	cadaver, cadence, cascade
<b>-cade</b>	procession	motorcade
<b>calor</b>	heat	calorie, caloric, calorimeter

<b>capit, capt</b>	head	decapitate, capital, captain, caption
<b>carn</b>	flesh	carnivorous, incarnate, reincarnation, carnal
<b>cat, cata, cath</b>	down, with	catalogue, category, catheter
<b>caus, caut</b>	burn, heat	caustic, cauldron, cauterize
<b>cause, cuse, cus</b>	cause, motive	because, excuse, accusation
<b>ceas, ced, cede,</b>	to go, to yield, move, go,	succeed, proceed, precede, recede, secession,
<b>ceed, cess</b>	surrender	exceed, succession
<b>cent</b>	hundred	centennial, century, centipede
<b>centr, centri</b>	center	eccentricity, centrifugal, concentric, eccentric
<b>chrom</b>	color	chrome, chromosome, polychrome, chromatic
<b>chron</b>	time	chronology, chronic, chronicle, chronometer, anachronism, synchronize
<b>cide, cis, cise</b>	to kill, to cut, cut down	fratricide, homicide, incision, circumcision, scissors
<b>circum</b>	around	circumnavigate, circumflex, circumstance, circumcision, circumference, circumorbital, circumlocution, circumvent, circumscribe, circulatory
<b>cit</b>	call, start	incite, citation, cite
<b>civ</b>	citizen	civic, civil, civilian, civilization
<b>clam, claim</b>	cry out	exclamation, clamor, proclamation, reclamation, acclaim
<b>clin</b>	lean, bend	decline, acclinic, inclination
<b>clud, clus claus</b>	to close, shut	include, exclude, clause, claustrophobia, enclose, exclusive, reclusive, conclude
<b>co, cog, col, coll,</b>	with, together	cohesiveness, cognate, collaborate, convene, commitment, compress, contemporary, converge, compact, confluence, convenient, concatenate, conjoin, combine, correct
<b>con, com, cor</b>		
<b>cogn, gnos</b>	to know	recognize, cognizant, diagnose, agnostic, incognito, prognosis
<b>com, con</b>	fully	complete, compel, conscious, condense, confess, confirm
<b>contr, contra,</b>	against, opposite	contradict, counteract, contravene, contrary,

<b>counter</b>		counterspy, contrapuntal
<b>cord, cor, cardi</b>	heart	cordial, concord, discord, courage, encourage
<b>corp</b>	body	corporation, corporal punishment, corpse, corpulent, corpus luteum
<b>cort</b>	correct	escort, cortage
<b>cosm</b>	universe, world	cosmos, microcosm, cosmopolitan, cosmonaut
<b>cour, cur, curr,</b>	run, course	occur, excursion, discourse, courier, course
<b>curs</b>		
<b>crat, cracy</b>	rule	autocrat, aristocrat, theocracy, technocracy
<b>cre, cresc, cret,</b>	grow	create, crescent, accretion, increase
<b>crease</b>		
<b>crea</b>	create	creature, recreation, creation
<b>cred</b>	believe	creed, credo, credence, credit, credulous, incredulous, incredible
<b>cresc, cret,</b>	rise, grow	crescendo, concrete, increase, decrease, accrue
<b>crease, cru</b>		
<b>crit</b>	separate, choose	critical, criterion, hypocrite
<b>cur, curs</b>	run	current, concurrent, concur, incur, recur, occur, courier, precursor, cursive
<b>cura</b>	care	curator, curative, manicure
<b>cycl, cyclo</b>	wheel, circle, circular	Cyclops, unicycle, bicycle, cyclone, cyclic
<b>de-</b>	from, down, away, to do the opposite, reverse, against	detach, deploy, derange, decrease, deodorize, devoid, deflate, degenerate
<b>dec, deca</b>	ten, ten times	decimal, decade, decalogue, decimate, decathlon
<b>dec, dign</b>	suitable	decent, decorate, dignity
<b>dei, div</b>	God	divinity, divine, deity, divination, deify
<b>dem, demo</b>	people, populace, population	democracy, demography, demagogue, epidemic
<b>dent, dont</b>	tooth	dental, denture, orthodontist, periodontal
<b>derm</b>	skin, covering	hypodermic, dermatology, epidermis, taxidermy
<b>di-, dy-</b>	two, twice, double	divide, diverge, diglycerides
<b>dia</b>	through, across, between	diameter, diagonal, dialogue, dialect,

		dialectic, diagnosis, diachronic
dic, dict, dit	say, speak	dictation, dictionary, dictate, dictator, Dictaphone, edict, predict, verdict, contradict, benediction
dis, dif	not, opposite of, reverse, separate, deprive of, away	dismiss, differ, disallow, disperse, dissuade, divide, disconnect, disproportion, disrespect, distemper, disarray
dit	give	credit, audit
doc, doct	teach, prove	docile, doctor, doctrine, document, dogma, indoctrinate
domin	master, that which is under control	dominate, dominion, predominant, domain
don	give	donate, condone
dorm	sleep	dormant, dormitory
dox	thought, opinion, praise	orthodox, heterodox, paradox, doxology
-drome	run, step	syndrome, aerodrome, velodrome
duc, duct	to lead, pull	produce, abduct, product, transducer, viaduct, aqueduct, induct, deduct, reduce, induce
dura	hard, lasting	durable, duration, endure
dynam	power	dynamo, dynamic, dynamite, hydrodynamics
dys-	bad, abnormal, difficult, impaired, unfavorable	dysfunctional, dyslexia, dyspathy
e-	not, missing, out, fully, away, computer network related	emit, embed, eternal, ether, erase, email, e-tailer
ec-	out of, outside	echo, eclipse, eclectic, ecesis, ecstasy, exzema
eco-	household, environment, relating to ecology or economy	ecology, economize, ecospheres, ecomangement
ecto-	outside, external	ectomorph, ectoderm, ectoplasm
-ed	Verb: past tense	dressed, faded, patted, closed, introduced
-ed	Adjective: having the quality or characteristics of	winged, moneyed, dogged, tiered
-en	Verb: to cause to become	lengthen, moisten, sharpen
-en	Adjective: material	golden, woolen, silken

<b>en-, em-</b>	put into, make, provide with, surround with	enamor, embolden, enslave, empower, entangle
<b>-ence, -ency</b>	Noun: action or process, quality or state	reference, emergency, dependence, eminence, latency
<b>end-</b>	inside, within	endorse, endocardial, endergonic, endoskeleton, endoscope, endogenous
<b>epi-</b>	upon, close to, over, after, altered	epicenter, epicarp, epilogue, epigone, epidiorite
<b>equi-</b>	equal	equidistant, equilateral, equilibrium, equinox, equation, equator
<b>-er, -ier</b>	Adjective: comparative	better, brighter, sooner, hotter, happier
<b>-er, -or</b>	Noun: person or thing that does something	flyer, reporter, player, member, fryer, collector, concentrator
<b>-er, -or</b>	Verb: action	ponder, dishonor, clamor
<b>erg</b>	work, effect	energy, erg, allergy, ergometer, ergograph, ergophobia
<b>-ery</b>	collective qualities, art, practice, trade, collection, state, condition	snobbery, bakery, greenery, gallery, slavery
<b>-es, -ies</b>	Noun: plural of most nouns ending in -ch, -s, -sh, -o and -z and some in -f and -y	passes, glasses, ladies, heroes
<b>-es, -ies</b>	Verb: third person singular present indicative of verbs that end in -ch, -s, -sh, - and some in -y	blesses, hushes, fizzes, defies
<b>-ess</b>	female	actress, goddess, poetess
<b>-est, -iest</b>	Adjective or Adverb: superlative	latest, strongest, luckiest, lyingest
<b>ev-, et-</b>	time, age	medieval, eternal
<b>ex-</b>	out of, away from, lacking, former	exit, exhale, exclusive, exceed, explosion, ex-mayor
<b>exter-, extra-,</b>	outside of, beyond	external, extrinsic, extraordinary,
<b>extro-</b>		extrapolate, extraneous, extrovert
<b>fa, fess</b>	speak	fable, fabulous, fame, famous, confess,

		profess
fac, fact, fec, fect, fic, fas, fea	do, make	difficult, fashion, feasible, feature, factory, fact, effect, manufacture, amplification, confection
fall, fals	deceive	fallacy, falsify, fallacious
femto	quadrillionth	femtosecond
fer	bear, carry	ferry, coniferous, fertile, defer, infer, refer, transfer
fic, feign, fain, fit,feat	shape, make, fashion	fiction, faint, feign
fid	belief, faith	confide, diffident, fidelity
fid, fide, feder	faith, trust	confidante, fidelity, confident, infidelity, infidel, federal, confederacy, semper fi
fig	shape, form	figurem, effigy, figure, figment
fila, fili	thread	filigree, filament, filter, filet, filibuster
fin	end, ended, finished	final, finite, finish, confine, fine, refine, define, finale
fix	repair, attach	fix, fixation, fixture, affix, prefix, suffix
flex, flect	bend	flex, reflex, flexible, flexor, inflexibility, reflect, deflect, circumflex
flict	strike	affliction, conflict, inflict
flu, fluc, fluv, flux	flow	influence, fluid, flue, flush, fluently, fluctuate, reflux, influx
-fold	Adverb: in a manner of, marked by	fourfold
for, fore	before	forecast, fortune, foresee
forc, fort	strength, strong	effort, fort, forte, fortifiable, fortify, forte, fortitude
form	shape, resemble	form, format, conform, formulate, perform, formal, formula
fract, frag, frai	break	fracture, infraction, fragile, fraction, refract, frail
fuge	flee	subterfuge, refuge, centrifuge
-ful	Noun: an amount or quantity that fills	mouthful
-ful	Adjective: having, giving, marked by	fanciful

<b>fuse</b>	pour	confuse, transfuse
<b>-fy</b>	make, form into	falsify, dandify
<b>gam</b>	marriage	bigamy, monogamy, polygamy
<b>gastr, gastro</b>	stomach	gastric, gastronomic, gastritis, gastropod
<b>gen</b>	kind	generous
<b>gen</b>	birth, race, produce	genesis, genetics, eugenics, genealogy, generate, genetic, antigen, pathogen
<b>geo</b>	earth	geometry, geography, geocentric, geology
<b>germ</b>	vital part	germination, germ, germane
<b>gest</b>	carry, bear	congest, gestation
<b>giga</b>	billion	gigabyte, gigaflop
<b>gin</b>	careful	gingerly
<b>gloss, glot</b>	tongue	glossary, polyglot, epiglottis
<b>glu, glo</b>	lump, bond, glue	glue, agglutinate, conglomerate
<b>gor</b>	to gather, to bring together	category, categorize
<b>grad, gress, gree</b>	to gather, to bring together, step, go	grade, degree, progress, gradual, graduate, egress
<b>graph, gram, graf</b>	write, written, draw	graph, graphic, autograph, photography, graphite, telegram, polygraph, grammar, biography, lithograph, graphic
<b>grat</b>	pleasing	congratulate, gratuity, grateful, ingrate
<b>grav</b>	heavy, weighty	grave, gravity, aggravate, gravitate
<b>greg</b>	herd	gregarious, congregation, segregate, gregarian
<b>hale, heal</b>	make whole, sound	inhale, exhale, heal, healthy, healthiness
<b>helio</b>	sun	heliograph, heliotrope, heliocentric
<b>hema, hemo</b>	blood	hemorrhage, hemoglobin, hemophilia, hemostat
<b>her, here, hes</b>	stick	adhere, cohere, cohesion, inherent, hereditary, hesitate
<b>hetero</b>	other, different	heterodox, heterogeneous, heterosexual, heterodyne
<b>hex, ses, sex</b>	six	hexagon, hexameter, sestet, sextuplets
<b>homo</b>	same	homogenize, homosexual, homonym, homophone
<b>hum, human</b>	earth, ground, man	humus, exhume, humane

<b>hydr, hydra,</b>	water	dehydrate, hydrant, hydraulic, hydraulics,
<b>hydro</b>		hydrogen, hydrophobia
<b>hyper</b>	over, above	hyperactive, hypertensive, hyperbolic, hypersensitive, hyperventilate, hyperkinetic
<b>hypn</b>	sleep	hypnosis, hypnotherapy
<b>-ia</b>	Noun: names, diseases	phobia
<b>-ian, an</b>	Noun: related to, one that is	pedestrian, human
<b>-iatry</b>	Noun: art of healing	psychiatry
<b>-ic</b>	Adjective: quality, relation	generic
<b>-ic, ics</b>	Noun: related to the arts and sciences	arithmetic, economics
<b>-ice</b>	Noun: act	malice
<b>-ify</b>	Verb: cause	specify
<b>ignis</b>	fire	ignite, igneous, ignition
<b>-ile</b>	Adjective: having the qualities of	projectile
<b>in, im</b>	into, on, near, towards	instead, import
<b>in, im, il, ir</b>	not	illegible, irresolute, inaction, inviolate, innocuous, intractable, innocent, impregnable, impossible, imposter
<b>infra</b>	beneath	infrared, infrastructure
<b>-ing</b>	Noun: material made for, activity, result of an activity	flooring, swimming, building
<b>-ing</b>	Verb: present participle	depicting
<b>-ing</b>	Adjective: activity	cohering
<b>inter</b>	between, among	international, intercept, interject, intermission, internal, intermittent,
<b>intra</b>	within, during, between layers, underneath	intramural, intranet, intranatal
<b>intro</b>	into, within, inward	interoffice, introvert, introspection, introduce
<b>-ion</b>	Noun: condition or action	abduction
<b>-ish</b>	Adjective: having the character of	newish

<b>-ism</b>	Noun: doctrine, belief, action or conduct	formalism
<b>-ist</b>	Noun: person or member	podiatrist
<b>-ite</b>	Noun: state or quality	graphite
<b>-ity, ty</b>	Noun: state or quality	lucidity, novelty
<b>-ive</b>	Noun: condition	native
<b>-ive, -ative, -itive</b>	Adjective: having the quality of	festive, cooperative, sensitive
<b>-ize</b>	Verb: cause	fantasize
<b>jac, ject</b>	throw	reject, eject, project, trajectory, interject, dejected, inject, ejaculate, adjacent
<b>join, junct</b>	join	adjoining, enjoin, juncture, conjunction, injunction, conjunction
<b>judice</b>	judge	prejudice
<b>jug, junct, just</b>	to join	junction, adjust, conjugal
<b>juven</b>	young	juvenile, rejuvenate
<b>labor</b>	work	laborious, belabor
<b>lau, lav, lot, lut</b>	wash	launder, lavatory, lotion, ablution, dilute
<b>lect, leg, lig</b>	choose, gather, select, read	collect, legible, eligible
<b>leg</b>	law	legal, legislate, legislature, legitimize
<b>-less</b>	Adjective: without, missing	motiveless
<b>levi</b>	light	alleviate, levitate, levity
<b>lex, leag, leg</b>	law	legal, college, league
<b>liber, liver</b>	free	liberty, liberal, liberalize, deliverance
<b>lide</b>	strike	collide, nuclide
<b>liter</b>	letters	literary, literature, literal, alliteration, obliterate
<b>loc, loco</b>	place, area	location, locally, locality, allocate, locomotion
<b>log, logo, ology</b>	word, study, say, speech, reason, study	catalog, prologue, dialogue, zoology, logo
<b>loqu, locut</b>	talk, speak	eloquent, loquacious, colloquial, circumlocution
<b>luc, lum, lun, lus, lust</b>	light	translucent, luminary, luster, luna, illuminate, illustrate

<b>lude</b>	play	prelude
<b>-ly</b>	Adverb: in the manner of	fluently
<b>macr-, macer</b>	lean	emaciated, meager
<b>magn</b>	great	magnify, magnificent, magnanimous, magnate, magnitude, magnum
<b>main</b>	strength, foremost	mainstream, mainsail, domain, remain
<b>mal</b>	bad, badly	malformation, maladjusted, dismal, malady, malcontent, malfunction, malfeasance, maleficent
<b>man, manu</b>	hand, make, do	manual, manage, manufacture, manacle, manicure, manifest, maneuver, emancipate, management
<b>mand</b>	command	mandatory, remand, mandate
<b>mania</b>	madness	mania, maniac, kleptomania, pyromania
<b>mar, mari, mer</b>	sea, pool	marine, marsh, maritime, mermaid
<b>matri</b>	mother	matrimony, maternal, matriarchate, matron
<b>medi</b>	half, middle, between, halfway	mediate, medieval, Mediterranean, mediocre, medium
<b>mega</b>	great, million	megaphone, megaton, megaflop, megalomaniac, megabyte, megalopolis
<b>mem</b>	recall, remember	memo, commemoration, memento, memoir, memorable
<b>ment</b>	mind	mental, mention
<b>-ment</b>	Noun: condition or result	document
<b>meso</b>	middle	mesomorph, mesoamerica, mesosphere
<b>meta</b>	beyond, change	metaphor, metamorphosis, metabolism, metahistorical, metainformation
<b>meter</b>	measure	meter, voltammeter, barometer, thermometer
<b>metr</b>	admeasure, apportion	metrics, asymmetric, parametric, telemetry
<b>micro</b>	small, millionth	microscope, microfilm, microcard, microwave, micrometer, microvolt
<b>migra</b>	wander	migrate, emigrant, immigrate
<b>mill, kilo</b>	thousand	millennium, kilobyte, kiloton
<b>milli</b>	thousandth	millisecond, milligram, millivolt
<b>min</b>	little, small	minute, minor, minuscule
<b>mis</b>	wrong, bad, badly	misconduct, misinform, misinterpret,

<b>mit, miss</b>	send	mispronounce, misnomer, mistake, misogynist
<b>mob, mov, mot</b>	move	emit, remit, submit, admit, commit, permit, transmit, omit, intermittent, mission, missile
<b>mon</b>	warn, remind	monument, admonition, monitor, premonition
<b>mono</b>	one	monopoly, monotype, monologue, mononucleosis, monorail, monotheist,
<b>mor, mort</b>	mortal, death	mortal, immortal, mortality, mortician, mortuary
<b>morph</b>	shape, form	amorphous, dimorphic, metamorphosis, morphology, polymorphic, morpheme, amorphous
<b>multi</b>	many, much	multifold, multilingual, multiped, multiply, multitude, multipurpose, multinational
<b>nano</b>	billionth	nanosecond, nanobucks
<b>nasc, nat, gnant,</b>	to be born	nascent, native, pregnant, naive
<b>nai</b>		
<b>nat, nasc</b>	to be from, to spring forth	innate, natal, native, renaissance
<b>neo</b>	new	Neolithic, nouveau riche, neologism, neophyte, neonate
<b>-ness</b>	Noun: state, condition, quality	kindness
<b>neur</b>	nerve	neuritis, neuropathic, neurologist, neural, neurotic
<b>nom</b>	law, order	autonomy, astronomy, gastronomy, economy
<b>nom,nym</b>	name	nominate, synonym
<b>nomen, nomin</b>	name	nomenclature, nominate, ignominious
<b>non</b>	nine	nonagon
<b>non</b>	not	nonferrous, nonsense, nonabrasive, nondescript
<b>nov</b>	new	novel, renovate, novice, nova, innovate
<b>nox, noc</b>	night	nocturnal, equinox, noctilucent
<b>numer</b>	number	numeral, numeration, enumerate, innumerable
<b>numisma</b>	coin	numismatics

<b>ob, oc, of, op</b>	toward, against, in the way	oppose, occur, offer, obtain
<b>oct</b>	eight	octopus, octagon, octogenarian, octave
<b>oligo</b>	few, little	Oligocene, oligosaccharide, oligotrophic, oligarchy
<b>omni</b>	all, every	omnipotent, omniscient, omnipresent, omnivorous
<b>onym</b>	name	anonymous, pseudonym, antonym, synonym
<b>oper</b>	work	operate, cooperate, opus
<b>-or</b>	Noun: condition or activity	valor, honor, humor, minor
<b>ortho</b>	straight, correct	orthodox, orthodontist, orthopedic, unorthodox
<b>-ory</b>	Noun: place for, serves for	territory, rectory
<b>-ous, -eous, -ose, -ious</b>	Adjective: having the quality of, relating to	adventurous, courageous, verbose, fractious
<b>over</b>	excessive, above	overwork, overall, overwork
<b>pac</b>	peace	pacifist, pacify, pacific ocean
<b>pair, pare</b>	arrange, assemblage, two	repair, impair, compare, prepare
<b>paleo</b>	old	Paleozoic, Paleolithic, paleomagnetism, paleopsychology
<b>pan</b>	all	Pan-American, pan-African, panacea, pandemonium (place of all the demons)
<b>para</b>	beside	paradox, paraprofessional, paramedic, paraphrase, parachute
<b>pat, pass, path</b>	feel, suffer	patient, passion, sympathy, pathology
<b>pater, patr</b>	father	paternity, patriarch, patriot, patron, patronize
<b>path, pathy</b>	feeling, suffering	pathos, sympathy, antipathy, apathy, telepathy
<b>ped, pod</b>	foot	pedal, impede, pedestrian, centipede, tripod, podiatry, antipode, podium
<b>pedo</b>	child	orthopedic, pedagogue, pediatrics
<b>pel, puls</b>	drive, push, urge	compel, dispel, expel, repel, propel, pulse, impulse, pulsate, compulsory, expulsion, repulsive

<b>pend, pens, pond</b>	hang, weigh	pendant, pendulum, suspend, appendage, pensive, append
<b>per</b>	through, intensive	persecute, permit, perspire, perforate, persuade
<b>peri</b>	around	periscope, perimeter, perigee, periodontal
<b>phage</b>	eat	macrophage, bacteriophage
<b>phan, phas, phen, fan, phant, fant</b>	show, make visible	phantom, fantasy
<b>phe</b>	speak	blaspheme, cipher, phenomenon, philosopher
<b>phil</b>	love	philosopher, philanthropy, philharmonic, bibliophile
<b>phlegma</b>	inflammation	phlegm, phlegmatic
<b>phobia, phobos</b>	fear	phobia, claustrophobia, acrophobia, aquaphobia, ergophobia, homophobia
<b>phon</b>	sound	telephone, phonics, phonograph, phonetic, homophone, microphone, symphony, euphonious
<b>phot, photo</b>	light	photograph, photoelectric, photogenic, photosynthesis, photon
<b>pico</b>	trillionth	pico farad, picocurie, picovolt
<b>pict</b>	paint, show, draw	picture, depict
<b>plac, plais</b>	please	placid, placebo, placate, complacent
<b>pli, ply</b>	fold	reply, implicate, ply
<b>plore</b>	cry out, wail	implore, exploration, deplored
<b>plu, plur, plus</b>	more	plural, pluralist, plus
<b>pneuma, pneumon</b>	breath	pneumatic, pneumonia,
<b>pod</b>	foot, feet	podiatry, tripod
<b>poli</b>	city	metropolis, police, politics, Indianapolis, megalopolis, acropolis
<b>poly</b>	many	Polytheist, polygon, polygamy, polymorphous
<b>pon, pos, pound</b>	place, put	postpone, component, opponent, proponent, expose, impose, deposit, posture, position, expound, impound

<b>pop</b>	people	population, populous, popular
<b>port</b>	carry	porter, portable, transport, report, export, import, support, transportation
<b>portion</b>	part, share	portion, proportion
<b>post</b>	after, behind	postpone, postdate
<b>pot</b>	power	potential, potentate, impotent
<b>pre, pur</b>	before	precede
<b>prehendere</b>	seize, grasp	apprehend, comprehend, comprehensive, prehensile
<b>prin, prim,</b>	first	primacy, prima donna, primitive, primary,
<b>prime</b>		primal, primeval, prince, principal
<b>pro</b>	for, foward	propel
<b>proto</b>	first	prototype, protocol, protagonist, protozoan, Proterozoic, protoindustrial
<b>psych</b>	mind, soul	psyche, psychiatry, psychology, psychosis
<b>punct</b>	point, dot	punctual, punctuation, puncture, acupuncture, punctuation
<b>pute</b>	think	dispute, computer
<b>quat, quad</b>	four	quadrangle, quadruplets
<b>quint, penta</b>	five	quintet, quintuplets, pentagon, pentane, pentameter
<b>quip</b>	ship	equip, equipment
<b>quir, quis, quest,</b>	seek, ask	query, inquire, exquisite, quest
<b>quer</b>		
<b>re</b>	back, again	report, realign, retract, revise, regain
<b>reg, recti</b>	straighten	regiment, regular, rectify, correct, direct, rectangle
<b>retro</b>	backwards	retrorocket, retrospect, retrogression, retroactive
<b>ri, ridi, risi</b>	laughter	deride, ridicule, ridiculous, derision, risible
<b>rog, roga</b>	ask	prerogative, interrogation, derogatory
<b>rupt</b>	break	rupture, interrupt, abrupt, disrupt, ruptible
<b>sacr, sanc, secr</b>	sacred	sacred, sacrosanct, sanction, consecrate, desecrate
<b>salv, salu</b>	safe, healthy	salvation, salvage, salutation
<b>sanct</b>	holy	sanctify, sanctuary, sanction, sanctimonious, sacrosanct

<b>sat, satis</b>	enough	satient, saturate, satisfy
<b>sci, scio, scientia</b>	know	science, conscious, omniscient, cognocienti
<b>scope</b>	see, watch	telescope, microscope, kaleidoscope, periscope, stethoscope
<b>scrib, script</b>	write	scribe, scribble, inscribe, describe, subscribe, prescribe, manuscript
<b>se</b>	apart, move away from	secede
<b>sect, sec</b>	cut	intersect, transect, dissect, secant, section
<b>sed, sess, sid</b>	sit	sediment, session, obsession, possess, preside, president, reside, subside
<b>semi</b>	half, partial	semifinal, semiconscious, semiannual, semimonthly, semicircle
<b>sen, scen</b>	old, grow old	senior, senator, senile, senescence, evanescent
<b>sent, sens</b>	feel, think	sentiment, consent, resent, dissent, sentimental, sense, sensation, sensitive, sensory, dissension
<b>sept</b>	seven	septet, septennial
<b>sequ, secu, sue</b>	follow	sequence, consequence, sequel, subsequent, prosecute, consecutive, second, ensue, pursue
<b>serv</b>	save, serve, keep	servant, service, subservient, servitude, preserve, conserve, reservation, deserve, conservation, observe
<b>-ship</b>	Noun: status, condition	relationship, friendship
<b>sign, signi</b>	sign, mark, seal	signal, signature, design, insignia, significant
<b>simil, simul</b>	like, resembling	similar, assimilate, simulate, simulacrum, simultaneous
<b>sist, sta, stit</b>	stand, withstand, make up	assist, insist, persist, circumstance, stamina, status, state, static, stable, stationary, substitute
<b>soci</b>	to join, companions	sociable, society
<b>sol, solus</b>	alone	solo, soliloquy, solitaire, solitude, solitary, isolate
<b>solv, solu, solut</b>	loosen, explain	solvent, solve, absolve, resolve, soluble, solution, resolution, resolute, dissolute, absolution

<b>somn</b>	sleep	insomnia, somnambulist
<b>soph</b>	wise	sophomore (wise fool), philosophy, sophisticated
<b>spec, spect, spi,</b> <b>spic</b>	look, see	specimen, specific, spectator, spectacle, aspect, speculate, inspect, respect, prospect, retrospective, introspective, expect, conspicuous
<b>sper</b>	render favorable	prosper
<b>sphere</b>	ball, sphere	sphere, stratosphere, hemisphere, spheroid
<b>spir</b>	breath	spirit, conspire, inspire, aspire, expire, perspire, respiration
<b>stand, stant,</b> <b>stab, stat, stan,</b> <b>sti, sta, st, stead</b>	stand	stature, establish, stance
<b>-ster</b>	person	mobster, monster
<b>strain, strict,</b> <b>string, stige</b>	bind, pull, draw tight	stringent, strict, restrict, constrict, restrain, boa constrictor
<b>stru, struct,</b> <b>stroy, stry</b>	build	construe, structure, construct, instruct, obstruct, destruction, destroy, industry, ministry
<b>sub, suc, suf,</b> <b>sup, sur, sus</b>	under, below, from, secretly, instead of	sustain, survive, support, suffice, succeed, submerge, submarine, substandard, subnormal, subvert
<b>sume, sump</b>	take, use, waste	consume, assume, sump, presumption
<b>super, supra</b>	over, above	superior, suprarenal, superscript, supernatural, superimpose, supercede
<b>syn, sym</b>	together, at the same time	sympathy, synthesis, synchronous, syndicate
<b>tact, tang, tag,</b> <b>tig, ting</b>	touch	tactile, contact, intact, intangible, tangible, contagious, contiguous, contingent
<b>tain, ten, tent,</b> <b>tin</b>	hold, keep, have	retain, continue, content, tenacious
<b>tect, teg</b>	cover	detect, protect, tegular, tegument
<b>tele</b>	distance, far, from afar	telephone, telegraph, telegram, telescope, television, telephoto, telecast, telepathy, telepathy
<b>tem, tempo</b>	time	tempo, temporary, extemporaneously, contemporary, pro tem, temporal

<b>ten, tin, tain</b>	hold	tenacious, tenant, tenure, untenable, detention, retentive, content, pertinent, continent, obstinate, contain, abstain, pertain, detain
<b>tend, tent, tens</b>	stretch, strain	tendency, extend, intend, contend, pretend, superintend, tender, extent, tension, pretense
<b>tera</b>	trillion	terabyte, teraflop
<b>term</b>	end, boundary, limit	exterminate, terminal
<b>terr, terra</b>	earth	terrain, terrarium, territory, terrestrial
<b>test</b>	to bear witness	testament, detest, testimony, attest, testify
<b>the, theo</b>	God, a god	monotheism, polytheism, atheism, theology
<b>therm</b>	heat	thermometer, theorem, thermal, thermos bottle, thermostat, hypothermia
<b>thesis, thet</b>	place, put	antithesis, hypothesis, synthesis, epithet
<b>tire</b>	draw, pull	attire, retire, entire
<b>tom</b>	cut	atom (not cutable), appendectomy, tonsillectomy, dichotomy, anatomy
<b>tor, tors, tort</b>	twist	torture, retort, extort, distort, contort, torsion, tortuous, torturous
<b>tox</b>	poison	toxic, intoxicate, antitoxin
<b>tract, tra, trai,</b>	drag, draw, pull	attract, tractor, traction, extract, retract, protract, detract, subtract, contract, intractable
<b>treat</b>		
<b>trans</b>	across, beyond, change	transform, transoceanic, transmit, transportation, transducer
<b>tri</b>	three	tripod, triangle, trinity, trilateral
<b>trib</b>	pay, bestow	tribute, contribute, attribute, retribution, tributary
<b>tribute</b>	give	contribute, distribute, tributary
<b>turbo</b>	disturb	turbulent, disturb, turbid, turmoil
<b>typ</b>	print	type, prototype, typical, typography, typewriter, typology, typify
<b>ultima</b>	last	ultimate, ultimatum
<b>umber,</b>	shadow	umbra, penumbra, (take) umbrage,
<b>umbraticum</b>		adumbrate
<b>un</b>	not, against, opposite	unceasing, unequal
<b>uni</b>	one	uniform, unilateral, universal, unity,

		unanimous, unite, unison, unicorn
-ure	Noun: act, condition, process, function	exposure, conjecture, measure
vac	empty	vacate, vacuum, evacuate, vacation, vacant, vacuous
vade	go	evade, invader
vale, vali, valu	strength, worth	equivalent, valiant, validity, evaluate, value, valor
veh, vect	to carry	vector, vehicle, convection, vehement
ven, vent	come	convene, intervene, venue, convenient, avenue, circumvent, invent, convent, venture, event, advent, prevent
ver, veri	true	very, aver, verdict, verity, verify, verisimilitude
verb, verv	word	verify, veracity, verbalize, verve
vert, vers	turn, change	convert, revert, advertise, versatile, vertigo, invert, reversion, extravert, introvert, diversion, introvert, convertible, reverse, controversy
vi	way	viable, vibrate, vibrant
vic, vicis	change, substitute	vicarious, vicar, vicissitude
vict, vinc	conquer	victor, evict, convict, convince, invincible
vid, vis	see	video, evident, provide, providence, visible, revise, supervise, vista, visit, vision, review, indivisible
viv, vita, vivi	alive, life	revive, survive, vivid, vivacious, vitality, vivisection, vital, vitamins, revitalize
voc, voke	call	vocation, avocation, convocation, invocation, evoke, provoke, revoke, advocate, provocative, vocal
vol	will	malevolent, benevolent, volunteer, volition
volcan	fire	volcano, vulcanize, Vulcan
volv, volt, vol	turn about, roll	revolve, voluble, voluminous, convolution, revolt, evolution
vor	eat greedily	voracious, carnivorous, herbivorous, omnivorous, devour
-ward	Adverb: in a direction or	homeward

	manner	
-wise	Adverb: in the manner of, with regard to	timewise, clockwise, bitwise
with	against	withhold, without, withdraw, forthwith
-y	Noun: state, condition, result of an activity	society, victory
-y	Adjective: marked by, having	hungry, angry, smeary, teary
zo	animal	zoo (zoological garden), zoology, zodiac, protozoan

## The most common prefixes



prefix	meaning	examples
<i>anti-</i>	against/opposed to	<i>anti-government, anti-racist, anti-war</i>
<i>auto-</i>	self	<i>autobiography, automobile</i>
<i>de-</i>	reverse or change	<i>de-classify, decontaminate, demotivate</i>
<i>dis-</i>	reverse or remove	<i>disagree, displeasure, disqualify</i>
<i>down-</i>	reduce or lower	<i>downgrade, downhearted</i>
<i>extra-</i>	beyond	<i>extraordinary, extraterrestrial</i>
<i>hyper-</i>	extreme	<i>hyperactive, hypertension</i>
<i>il-, im-, in-, ir-</i>	not	<i>illegal, impossible, insecure, irregular</i>
<i>inter-</i>	between	<i>interactive, international</i>
<i>mega-</i>	very big, important	<i>megabyte, mega-deal, megaton</i>
<i>mid-</i>	middle	<i>midday, midnight, mid-October</i>
<i>mis-</i>	incorrectly, badly	<i>misaligned, mislead, misspelt</i>
<i>non-</i>	not	<i>non-payment, non-smoking</i>
<i>over-</i>	too much	<i>overcook, overcharge, overrate</i>
<i>out-</i>	go beyond	<i>outdo, out-perform, outrun</i>
<i>post-</i>	after	<i>post-election, post-war</i>
<i>pre-</i>	before	<i>prehistoric, pre-war</i>
<i>pro-</i>	in favour of	<i>pro-communist, pro-democracy</i>
<i>re-</i>	again	<i>reconsider, redo, rewrite</i>
<i>semi-</i>	half	<i>semicircle, semi-retired</i>
<i>sub-</i>	under, below	<i>submarine, sub-Saharan</i>
<i>super-</i>	above, beyond	<i>super-hero, supermodel</i>

<i>tele-</i>	at a distance	<i>television, telepathic</i>
<i>trans-</i>	across	<i>transatlantic, transfer</i>
<i>ultra-</i>	extremely	<i>ultra-compact, ultrasound</i>
<i>un-</i>	remove, reverse, not	<i>undo, unpack, unhappy</i>
<i>under-</i>	less than, beneath	<i>undercook, underestimate</i>
<i>up-</i>	make or move higher	<i>upgrade, uphill</i>

**SUFFIXES**

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A **suffix** is a group of letters placed at the **end** of a word to make a **newword**. A suffix can make a new word in one of two ways:

1. **inflectional** (grammatical): for example, changing singular to plural (dog →dogs), or changing present tense to past tense (walk →walked). In this case, the basic meaning of the word does not change.
2. **derivational** (the new word has a new meaning, "derived" from the original word): for example, teach →teacher or care →careful

**Suffixes: spelling**

Often, the suffix causes a spelling change to the original word. In the table above, the -e ending of *complicate* and *create* disappears when the -ion suffix is added. Other examples of spelling changes include:

1. *beauty, duty + -ful →beautiful, dutiful* (-y changes to i)
2. *heavy, ready + -ness →heaviness, readiness* (-y changes to i)
3. *able, possible + -ity →ability, possibility* (-le changes to ii)
4. *permit, omit + -ion →permission, omission* (-t changes to ss)

**Common suffixes and examples****Noun suffixes**

suffix	examples of nouns
<i>-age</i>	<i>baggage, village, postage</i>
<i>-al</i>	<i>arrival, burial, deferral</i>
<i>-ance/-ence</i>	<i>reliance, defence, insistence</i>
<i>-dom</i>	<i>boredom, freedom, kingdom</i>
<i>-ee</i>	<i>employee, payee, trainee</i>

<b>-er/-or</b>	<i>driver, writer, director</i>
<b>-hood</b>	<i>brotherhood, childhood, neighbourhood</i>
<b>-ism</b>	<i>capitalism, Marxism, socialism (philosophies)</i>
<b>-ist</b>	<i>capitalist, Marxist, socialist (followers of philosophies)</i>
<b>-ity/-ty</b>	<i>brutality, equality, cruelty</i>
<b>-ment</b>	<i>amazement, disappointment, parliament</i>
<b>-ness</b>	<i>happiness, kindness, usefulness</i>
<b>-ry</b>	<i>entry, ministry, robbery</i>
<b>-ship</b>	<i>friendship, membership, workmanship</i>
<b>-sion/-tion/-xion</b>	<i>expression, population, complexion</i>

**Adjective suffixes**

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suffix	examples of adjectives
<b>-able/-ible</b>	<i>drinkable, portable, flexible</i>
<b>-al</b>	<i>brutal, formal, postal</i>
<b>-en</b>	<i>broken, golden, wooden</i>
<b>-ese</b>	<i>Chinese, Japanese, Vietnamese</i>
<b>-ful</b>	<i>forgetful, helpful, useful</i>
<b>-i</b>	<i>Iraqi, Pakistani, Yemeni</i>
<b>-ic</b>	<i>classic, Islamic, poetic</i>
<b>-ish</b>	<i>British, childish, Spanish</i>
<b>-ive</b>	<i>active, passive, productive</i>
<b>-ian</b>	<i>Canadian, Malaysian, Peruvian</i>
<b>-less</b>	<i>homeless, hopeless, useless</i>
<b>-ly</b>	<i>daily, monthly, yearly</i>
<b>-ous</b>	<i>cautious, famous, nervous</i>
<b>-y</b>	<i>cloudy, rainy, windy</i>

**Verb suffixes**

suffix	examples of verbs
<b>-ate</b>	<i>complicate, dominate, irritate</i>
<b>-en</b>	<i>harden, soften, shorten</i>
<b>-ify</b>	<i>beautify, clarify, identify</i>

**-ise/-ize** *economise, realise, industrialize* (-ise is most common in British English; -ize is most common in American English)



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### Adverb suffixes

suffix	examples of adverbs
<b>-ly</b>	<i>calmly, easily, quickly</i>
<b>-ward(s)</b>	<i>downwards, homeward(s), upwards</i>
<b>-wise</b>	<i>anti-clockwise, clockwise, edgewise</i>

### COMMONLY USED

A suffix is an affix that is added to the end of a word that conditions its usage or meaning. The opposite of suffix is prefix.

Suffix	General Meaning	Example
<b>-agogy</b>	leading	pedagogy , demagoggy
<b>-archy</b>	rule, leadership	gynarchy , anarchy
<b>-cele, -coel</b>	body cavity	mucocoel or mucocoele
<b>-cele</b>	tumor, hernia	hydatidocoele
<b>-centesis</b>	puncturing	amniocentesis , rachicentesis
<b>-chondrion</b>	small grainlike structure	mitochondrion
<b>-cide</b>	murder, killing agent	suicide , vespacide, regicide
<b>-cracy</b>	rule, government	kakistocracy , democracy , androcracy
<b>-cycle</b>	circle, cycle, unit of radio frequency	epicycle , hydrocycle
<b>-ectasia, - ectasis</b>	stretching out	brochiectasis , telangiectasia
<b>-ectomy</b>	surgical removal	vasectomy
<b>-emesis</b>	vomiting	hematemesis , hyperemesis
<b>-emia</b>	blood condition	leukemia , anaemia
<b>-enchyma</b>	cellular tissue	mesenchyma , karyenchyma
<b>-ess</b>	female	actress , waitress ,

		stewardess
-esthesia, -esthesia	sensation, feeling	synesthesia, kinesthesia
-fugal	fuge, driving or travelling away from, expelling	centrifugal
-ful	full of, having some or much	hopeful , useful
-hedron	geometric solid	icosahedron , tetrahedron
-holic	love , addiction	alcoholic
-ic		
-id	skin rash	syphilitid
-ism	doctrine, act, practice, condition	Protestantism , alcoholism , Buddhism , southernism
-ist	person	dentist
-itis	disease, inflammation	hepatitis , gingivitis
-itude		attitude , certitude
-ium	metallic element (exception: helium)	sodium , Calcium
-kinesis	movement (ability thereof)	telekinesis
-less	lack of	homeless , useless
-ly	-like, having the attributes of; In modern English, primarily changes adjectives to adverbs; also changes some nouns to adjectives and some (past-tense) verbs to adverbs	quick(adj) > quickly(adv), state(n) > stately(adj), abashed(v) > abashedly(adv)
-mania	an irrational but irresistible motive for a belief or action	kleptomania , megalomania , mythomania
-ography or -ogram	writing, description	stenography , geography , ideogram
-oid	resembling	solenoid , hominoid
-ology	study, science	planetology , thyroidology , phthisiology
-omics	area of biology	proteomics
-onomy	knowledge of	astronomy
-onym	name, word	antonym , consonym , heteronym
-osis	process, action	mitosis , osmosis
-osis	formation	ostosis
-osis	diseased condition	psychosis

-phagy, -phagia	eating	monophagy
-philia	attraction	hemophilia
-phobia	fear	acrophobia , mysophobia
-phone	sound, audio	telephone , homophone
-science	knowing	omniscience
-scope	from Greek <i>skopos</i> , view; instrument for viewing and observing spaces	microscope , telescope
-ship	circle, state of being	friendship , relationship
-stan	land, country	Afghanistan
-tropism	to turn	phototropism
-us	inflammation	ulcus (ulcer)
-ward	direction	southward
-wise	direction	clockwise



### Rules for Adding Suffixes to Root words

•Notes	Suffix begins with a vowel	Suffix begins with a consonant	-ing	-y
<p><i>– not all suffixes can be used with all root words</i></p> <p><i>– not a complete list of all suffixes</i></p>	<p><i>-able/ible;</i></p> <p><i>-ance/ence; -ed; -en;</i></p> <p><i>-er; -est; -ist; -ion</i></p> <p><i>-ise/ize; -ity; -ive</i></p>	<p><i>-able/ible;</i></p> <p><i>-ance/ence; -ed; -en;</i></p> <p><i>-ful; -less; -ly;</i></p> <p><i>-ment;</i></p> <p><i>-ness; -tion</i></p>		

Root word ends in a consonant + "y"	Change "y" to "i", then + "suffix"	Change "y" to "i", then + "suffix"	+ "ing"
<i>eg. – <u>rely</u>    <u>funny</u></i>			
<i>fancy    try</i>	<i>tried    reliable</i>	<i>merciless</i>	<i>marrying</i>
<i>mercymarry    merry</i>	<i>funnier</i>	<i>merriment</i>	<i>trying</i>
<i>noisy</i>	<i>fanciest</i>	<i>noisily</i>	
<i>ordinary    apply</i>			

Root word ends in a vowel + "y"	+ "suffix"	+ "suffix"	+ "ing"

<i>eg.- playtoy key employ enjoy obey portray</i>	<i>employable</i>	<i>enjoyment</i>	<i>enjoying playing</i>	
<b>Root word ends in silent "e"</b>	remove "e", then + "suffix"	+ "suffix"	remove "e", then + "ing"	remove "e", then + "y"
<i>eg. - inflate removed decorate hope appreciate bare excite encourage reduce taste race</i>	<i>inflatable appreciative remover decoration racist</i>	<i>barely excitement reduction tasteless</i>	<i>encouraging hoping decorating reducing</i>	<i>tasty</i>
<b>Root word ends in 2 consonants</b>	+ "suffix"	+ "suffix"	+ "ing"	+ "y"
<i>eg. - reach perform possess jump bright collect help soft test</i>	<i>possessive tester collectable soften</i>	<i>helpful softness brightly helpless</i>	<i>reaching jumping performing</i>	<i>jumpy testy</i>
<b>Root word ends in a short vowel sound + consonant</b>	double last letter, then + "suffix"	+ "suffix"	double last letter, then + "ing"	double last letter, then + "y"
<i>eg. shop pin flat rim rot sad run bad fat hot sun mud</i>	<i>shopped hotter/hottest flattenrunner</i>	<i>badly sadness</i>	<i>rimless pinning running rotting</i>	<i>fatty runny sunny muddy</i>
<b>Root word ends in a long vowel sound + consonant</b>	+ "suffix"	+ "suffix"	+ "ing"	+ "y"
<i>eg. keep fair clean cream cheap boast soap seam</i>	<i>cheapen fairer/fairest cleaner</i>	<i>boastful seamless fairly</i>	<i>keeping cleaning boasting</i>	<i>soapy creamy</i>

**EXAMPLES OF PREFIX AND SUFFIX**

1. He was acting in a very **childish** way. (child)
2. She looked **unhappy**. She started to cry. (happy)
3. He passed his exam. He was **successful** for the second time. (succeed)
4. The team that he supported were able to win the **championship**. (champion)
5. I couldn't find any **weakness** in his theory. (weak)
6. He wants to be a **mathematician** when he grows up. (mathematics)
7. There were only a **handful** of people at the match. (hand)
8. The road was too narrow, so they had to **widen** it. (wide)
9. I think that you should **reconsider** your decision. It may not be the best thing to do. (consider)
10. You need a **combination** of motivation, organization and hard work to realize your dreams. (combine)

**EXERCISE**

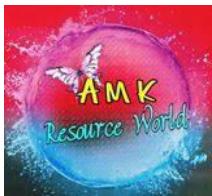
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Put the word in brackets into the correct form. You will have to use prefixes and/or suffixes.

1. He was sitting \_\_\_\_\_ in his seat on the train. (comfort)
2. There was a \_\_\_\_\_ light coming from the window. (green)
3. He was acting in a very \_\_\_\_\_ way. (child)
4. This word is very difficult to spell, and even worse, it's \_\_\_\_\_. (pronounce)
5. He's lost his book again. I don't know where he has \_\_\_\_\_ it this time. (place)
6. You shouldn't have done that! It was very \_\_\_\_\_ of you. (think)
7. He didn't pass his exam. He was \_\_\_\_\_ for the second time. (succeed)
8. Some of the shanty towns are dreadfully \_\_\_\_\_. (crowd)
9. The team that he supported were able to win the \_\_\_\_\_. (champion)
10. There is a very high \_\_\_\_\_ that they will be late. (likely)
11. I couldn't find any \_\_\_\_\_ in his theory. (weak)
12. He wants to be a \_\_\_\_\_ when he grows up. (mathematics)
13. You need to be a highly trained \_\_\_\_\_ to understand this report. (economy)
14. There were only a \_\_\_\_\_ of people at the match. (hand)
15. She arrived late at work because she had \_\_\_\_\_. (sleep)
16. The road was too narrow, so they had to \_\_\_\_\_ it. (wide)
17. He was accused of \_\_\_\_\_ documents. (false)

18. They had to \_\_\_\_\_ the lion before they could catch it. (tranquil)
19. He needed to \_\_\_\_\_ the temperature. (regular)
20. I think that you should \_\_\_\_\_. It may not be the best thing to do. (consider)
21. There was a three-hour \_\_\_\_\_ because of the strike. (stop)
22. You need a \_\_\_\_\_ of motivation, organization and revision to learn English. (combine)
23. I try not to go to the supermarket at 5pm because it's \_\_\_\_\_. (practice)
24. It is very \_\_\_\_\_ to run air-conditioning with the door open. (economy)
25. His \_\_\_\_\_ has been expected for the last half an hour. (arrive)
26. She looked at her \_\_\_\_\_ in the mirror. (reflect)
27. I told him my plan but he wasn't very \_\_\_\_\_. (receive)
28. She had no \_\_\_\_\_ of going to see him. (intend)
29. He spent half an hour \_\_\_\_\_ himself with the building. (familiar)
30. Failing her driving test was a great \_\_\_\_\_ to her. (appoint)
31. He decided to study \_\_\_\_\_ at university. (journal)
32. The film was \_\_\_\_\_ good. (surprise)
33. There was the need for \_\_\_\_\_ construction when the fighting stopped. (war)
34. I don't like him at all. He's so \_\_\_\_\_. (satisfy)
35. The company has over 500 \_\_\_\_\_. (employ)
36. The new manager was very efficient and \_\_\_\_\_. (business)
37. It really isn't mine. I think that you are \_\_\_\_\_. (take)
38. The rate of \_\_\_\_\_ in Brazil has been rising steadily. (employ)
39. With the real plan, the rate of \_\_\_\_\_ in Brazil has fallen. (inflate)
40. She looked at him \_\_\_\_\_, and started to cry. (happy)
41. The party was \_\_\_\_\_, everything went wrong. (disaster)
42. The film was so \_\_\_\_\_ that we left before the end. (bore)
43. The film was terrible, I felt really \_\_\_\_\_. (bore)
44. I think that there has been a \_\_\_\_\_, I didn't order this. (understand)
45. The bacteria are so small that you need a \_\_\_\_\_ to see them. (scope)
46. Have you seen that new \_\_\_\_\_? He's very funny. (comedy)
47. The event was totally \_\_\_\_\_. It was terrible. (organise)
48. I arrived late for work because I had \_\_\_\_\_. (sleep)
49. There is a small \_\_\_\_\_ explaining the new traffic code. (book)
50. He was \_\_\_\_\_. He wouldn't change his mind. (compromise)

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