

NOUN Suffixes

-acy		democracy, accuracy, lunacy
-age	action, state, process	shortage, passage, postage
-al		remedial, denial, trial, criminal
-ance, -ence		nuisance, ambiance, tolerance
-dom		freedom, stardom, boredom
-er, -or		reader, creator, interpreter, inventor, collaborator, teacher
-ism		Judaism, skepticism, escapism
-ist		Geologist, protagonist, sexist, scientist, theorist, communist
-ity, -ty		extremity, validity, enormity
-ment		enchantment, argument
-ness		heaviness, highness, sickness
-ship		friendship, hardship, internship
-sion, -tion		position, promotion, cohesion
-y	having the characteristics of	jealousy, modesty, honesty

VERB Suffixes

-ate		mediate, collaborate, create
-en		sharpen, strengthen, loosen
-ify, -fy		justify, simplify, magnify, satisfy
-ise, -ize		publicize, synthesize, hypnotize

ADJECTIVE Suffixes

-able, -ible		edible, fallible, incredible, audible
-al, ial		fiscal, thermal, herbal, colonial

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-ed*	past participle adjectives	
-er, -est	comparative and superlative adjectives	
-esque		picturesque, burlesque, grotesque
-ful		handful, playful, hopeful, skillful
-ic, -ical		psychological, hypocritical, methodical, nonsensical, musical
-ing*	present participle adjectives / gerunds	
-ious, -eous, -ous		pious, jealous, religious, ridiculous
-ish		squeamish, sheepish, childish
-ive		inquisitive, informative, attentive
-less		meaningless, hopeless, homeless
-y		dainty, beauty, airy
ADVERB Suffixes		
-ly		softly, slowly, happily, crazily, madly
-ward, -wards		towards, afterwards, backwards, inward
-wise		otherwise, likewise, clockwise

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