

Master List of Morphemes

Suffixes

Suffixes	Meaning(s)	*Syntax	Exemplars
-er	one who, that which	noun	teacher, clippers, toaster
-er	more	adjective	faster, stronger, kinder
-ly	to act in a way that is...	adverb	kindly, decently, firmly
-able	capable of, or worthy of	adjective	honorable, predictable
-ible	capable of, or worthy of	adjective	terrible, responsible, visible
-hood	condition of being	noun	childhood, statehood, falsehood
-ful	full of, having	adjective	wonderful, spiteful, dreadful
-less	without	adjective	hopeless, thoughtless, fearless
-ish	somewhat like	adjective	childish, foolish, snobbish
-ness	condition or state of	noun	happiness, peacefulness, fairness
-ic	relating to	adjective	energetic, historic, volcanic
-ist	one who	noun	pianist, balloonist, specialist
-ian	one who	noun	librarian, historian, magician
-or	one who	noun	governor, editor, operator
-eer	one who	noun	mountaineer, pioneer, commandeer, profiteer, engineer, musketeer
o-logy	study of	noun	biology, ecology, mineralogy
-ship	art or skill of, condition, rank, group of	noun	leadership, citizenship, companionship, kingship
-ous	full of, having, possessing	adjective	joyous, jealous, nervous, glorious, victorious, spacious, gracious
-ive	tending to...	adjective	active, sensitive, creative
-age	result of an action	noun	marriage, acreage, pilgrimage

*the syntax column indicates the most-likely grammatical function of words ending with the given suffix.

-ant	a condition or state	adjective	elegant, brilliant, pregnant
-ant	a thing or a being	noun	mutant, coolant, inhalant
-ent	someone who, something that	noun	student, president, nutrient
-ent	inclined to	adjective	different, fluent, persistent
-ment	state or act of	noun	payment, basement, improvement
-ary	place for, collection of	noun	glossary, granary, library
-ary	relating to, condition	adjective	secondary, military, necessary
-ary	one who	noun	secretary, dignitary, emissary
-ize	to make	verb	hypnotize, fertilize, centralize
-ise	to make	verb	advise, advertise, improvise
-ure	action or condition of	noun	moisture, mixture, pleasure
-ion	act or condition	noun	action, friction, fusion, mission
-ation	act or condition	noun	starvation, condensation
-ance	act or condition of	noun	assistance, endurance, importance
-ence	act or condition of	noun	persistence, excellence, confidence
-ity	state or quality of	noun	prosperity, equality, security
-al	relating to	adjective	magical, comical, logical
(ti)-al	relating to	adjective	spatial, initial, essential
(si)-al	relating to	adjective	official, social, artificial
-ate	to make		calculate, activate, participate
-ate	state or quality of	adjective	desolate, ultimate, literate
-tude	condition of	noun	solitude, exactitude, fortitude
-ism	practice, belief	noun	feudalism, racism, monotheism

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de-	from, reduce, or opposite	defrost, dethrone, dehydration
dis-	opposite	disagree, disadvantage, dishonest
trans-	across, over, through	transfer, translate, transcontinental
dia-	across, through	diagonal, diagnostic, diameter
ex-	out, from	expel, excavate, expatriate, exhale
e-	out, from	erase, evict, emit, evaporate, evacuate
mono-	one, single	monoplane, monopoly, monorail
uni-	one, single	unicycle, unicorn, universal
bi-	two	bicycle, biped, bilateral
di-	two, or in parts	digraph, divert, diameter
tri-	three	tricycle, triangle, triune
multi-	many, much	multicolored, multimillionaire
poly-	many, much	polygon, polyhedron, polyester
pre-	before	predict, prepare, preheat
post-	after	postwar, postscript, postdate
mal-	bad, evil	malcontent, maladjusted, malnutrition
mis-	wrong, bad	mistake, misspell, misunderstand
bene-	good, well	benefit, beneficial, benediction
pro-	forward, forth, before	protector, procreate, profession
sub-	under, beneath	substitute, subtraction, subway
re-	back, again	rewind, remember, retaliate
inter-	among, between	interstate, internet, interpersonal
intra-	within	intranet, intravenous, intranasal

co-	together, with	cooperate, coworker, copilot
com-	together, with	company, commit, committee
con-	together, with	concur, concert, contingent
col-	together, with	colleague, collide, collaborate
be-	to, completely	befriend, belie, belittle, bejeweled
non-	not	nonsense, nonrefundable, nonprofit
un-	not	uncomfortable, uncertain, untrue
in-	not	incapable, inedible, intolerant
im-	not	imperfect, immoral, imbalanced
il-	not	illiterate, illogical, illegal
ir-	not	irregular, irresponsible
in- (in-, il-, ir-)	in, into, on, upon (this prefix has two meanings: 'not' and 'in')	inside, insert, implant, impostor, infuriate, inflammable, incandescent
a-	not, negative	amoral, atonal, atheist
an-	not, negative	anarchist, anomaly, anathema
anti-	against, opposite	antiseptic, anticrime, antitrust, antidisestablishmentarianism
contra-	against, opposite	contradict, contrary, contraceptive
counter-	against, opposite	counterclockwise, counterfeit, counterbalance
en-	to cause to be, to put or go into or onto	enable, enrich, engulf, enflame
em-	to cause to be, to put or go into or onto	employ, embark, embellish