

COMMON SUFFIXES

SUFFIXES	PoS	MEANINGS	EXAMPLES
-a	noun	plural ending of certain nouns	phenomena, data, media, criteria
-ability/-ibility	noun	(1) the quality of being able to be or having to be (2) the fact of having the quality mentioned	(1) capability, possibility (2) changeability
-able/-ible	adjective	(1) being able to be or having to be (2) having the quality mentioned	(1) capable, possible (2) changeable, reversible
-ably/-ibly	adverb	(1) in a manner of being able to be or having to be (2) in a manner of having the quality mentioned	(1) understandably, possibly (2) comfortably, reversibly
-age	noun	(1) the action or result of (2) a state or condition of (3) a set or group of (4) an amount of (5) the cost of (6) a place where	(1) breakage (2) bondage (3) baggage (4) mileage (5) postage (6) anchorage
-aholic/-oholic	noun	a person who is addicted to or excessively fond of sth	shopaholic, chocoholic
-al/-ical	adjective	connected with	magical, verbal, comical
-al	noun	a process or state of	survival
-alia	noun	items connected with the particular area of activity or interest mentioned	kitchenalia
-ally/-ically	noun	in a manner of being connected with	magically, physically
-an	adjective	of or pertaining to	Roman
-ana/-iana	noun	a collection of objects, facts, stories, etc. connected with the person, place, period, etc. mentioned	Americana, Mozartiana
-ance	noun	the action or state of	assistance
-ancy	noun	the state or quality of	expectancy
-ant	adjective	that is or does sth	significant

-ant	noun	a person or thing that	inhabitant
-arian	adjective, noun	believing in; practising	humanitarian, disciplinarian
-ary	adjective, noun	connected with	planetary, budgetary
-ate	adjective	full of or having the quality of	passionate
-ate	noun	the status or function of	doctorate
-ate	verb	to give the thing or quality mentioned to	hyphenate, activate
-athon	noun	an event in which a particular activity is done for a very long time, especially one organized to raise money for charity	marathon, swimathon
-ation/ -ition	noun	showing action or condition	obsession, restoration, repetition
-ative/ -itive	adjective	doing or tending to do sth	illustrative, talkative
-ative/ -itive	noun	a thing that performs or has the quality of performing a specific action or function	additive, preservative
-atively/ -itively	adverb	in a way that does or tends to do sth	creatively, intuitively
-ator	noun	a person or thing that does sth	creator, percolator
-backed	adjective	describing who is providing support, especially financial support	government-backed
-baiting	adjective, noun	describing the act of intentionally trying to make a particular person or group of people angry by saying things to annoy, offend, or criticize them	celebrity-baiting, clickbaiting
-based	adjective	(1) showing the main place or area in which sth or someone works, lives, or does business (2) describing the main thing from which a particular substance or object is made	(1) community-based (2) cream-based, plant-based

-basher	noun	someone who is physically violent towards a particular type of person, or who is unfairly critical of a particular type of person	union-basher
-bashing	noun	the state or act of being physically violent towards a particular type of person or unfairly critical of a particular type of person	union-bashing
-behaved	adjective	used after a word describing how someone behaves	well-behaved, perfectly-behaved
-blooded	adjective	having blood or temperament as specified	cold-blooded, warm-blooded
-bodied	adjective	having a particular quality or strength of flavor	medium-bodied, able-bodied
-borne	adjective	carried or spread by	airborne, waterborne
-bound	adjective	(1) describing where someone or sth is going (2) referring to someone who is unable to leave a place (3) indicating that bad weather is preventing travel	(1) London-bound (2) housebound (3) fog-bound
-brained	adjective	used in various phrases to describe someone as stupid or badly organized	bird-brained, harebrained, scatterbrained
-breaker	noun	(1) someone who uses force to go into or open the stated thing (2) someone who does not obey a law or rule, etc.	(1) house-breaker (2) lawbreaker
-buster	noun	a person or thing intended to destroy the stated thing	crime-buster
-capped	adjective	with a top covered in the way mentioned	snow-capped
-centric	adjective	(1) having a particular center (2) based on a particular way of thinking	(1) geocentric (2) ethnocentric
-cidal	adjective	involving the act of killing	homicidal, suicidal
-cide	noun	(1) substances that kill a particular thing	(1) fungicide, insecticide (2) infanticide, regicide

		(2) the killing of a particular type of person, or to a person who does this	
-coated	adjective	with a covering of the stated substance	sugar-coated
-conscious	adjective	thinking that sth is important	safety-conscious, fashion-conscious
-covered	adjective	covered in the way mentioned	snow-covered, flower-covered
-cratic	adjective	supporting or typical of a particular type of government or system	aristocratic
-cracy	noun	a type of government or rule	plutocracy
-cy	noun	(1) the state or quality of (2) the status or position of	(1) infancy (2) chaplaincy
-degree	adjective	used with an ordinal number (= first, second, third, etc.) to show how serious sth is	first-degree, third-degree
-dimensional	adjective	(of a thing or situation) having one or more parts or qualities having an effect on the way you think about it	multi-dimensional
-dom	noun	(1) the condition or state of (2) the rank of; an area ruled by (3) the group of	(1) freedom (2) kingdom (3) officialdom
-driven	adjective	controlled or strongly influenced by a particular thing or person, or happening because of them	character-driven, cost-driven
-ee	noun	(1) a person affected by an action (2) a person described as sth or doing an action	(1) employee (2) absentee, refugee
-eer	noun	a person connected with sth or doing an activity	auctioneer, mountaineer
-eer	verb	to be connected with sth or doing an activity	profiteer, commandeer
-en	adjective	made of; looking like	golden, wooden

-en	verb	to make or become	blacken, soften
-enabled	adjective	describing a piece of equipment that is able to use the technology mentioned	web-enabled, wifi-enabled
-ence	noun	the action or state of	confidence
-ency	noun	the state or quality of	complacency
-ent	adjective	that is or does sth	different
-ent	noun	a person or thing that	deterrent
-er	noun	(1) a person or thing that performs the action (2) a person or thing that has the thing or quality mentioned (3) a person studying or expert in (4) a person belonging to	(1) lover, computer (2) foreigner (3) philosopher, astronomer (4) New Yorker
-ery	noun	(1) the group or class of (2) the state or character of (3) the art or practice of (4) a place where sth is made, grows, lives, etc.	(1) greenery, confectionery (2) bravery, slavery (3) cookery, archery (4) bakery, orangery
-ese	adjective, noun	of a country or city; a person who lives in a country or city; the language spoken there	Chinese, Vietnamese
-ese	noun	the style or language of	journalese, officialese
-esque	adjective	like or in the style of someone or their work	Leonardo-esque
-ess	noun	female	lioness, actress
-faceted	adjective	having the stated number of facets	multifaceted
-filled	adjective	full of the stated thing	smoke-filled, fun-filled
-fired	adjective	using the stated type of fuel	gas-fired, coal-fired
-flavored	adjective	tasting of the thing stated	orange-flavored
-fold	adjective, adverb	multiplied by; having the number of parts mentioned	tenfold
-free	adjective, adverb	without; without having to pay	rent-free, interest-free, lead-free, stress-free
-friendly	adjective	(1) not harmful	(1) ecofriendly

		(2) suitable for particular people to use	(2) family-friendly, user-friendly
-ful	adjective	full of; having the qualities of; tending to	sorrowful, forgetful
-ful	noun	an amount that fills sth	handful, spoonful
-fully	adverb	in a way that shows the stated quality	powerfully, truthfully
-fy/-ify	verb	to make or become	falsify, purify
-goer	noun	a person who goes to the stated type of place	restaurant-goer, filmgoer
-going	adjective, noun	(referring to) the activity of going to the stated place	church-going
-grabbing	adjective	getting or taking a lot of the stated thing	money-grabbing, headline-grabbing
-grained	adjective	consisting of pieces of a specific size or type	fine-grained
-hater	noun	someone who dislikes the stated thing	man-hater
-head	noun	a person who is very enthusiastic about a particular thing or is addicted to a particular drug	crackhead
-hearted	adjective	having a character or feelings of the stated type	light-hearted
-heartedly	adverb	in a way that shows someone has a character or feelings of the stated type	cold-heartedly
-hood	noun	(1) the state or quality of (2) a group of people of the type mentioned	(1) childhood, falsehood (2) priesthood
-humored	adjective	used for describing the state of people's feelings	good-humored
-hungry	adjective	having a strong wish for	power-hungry
-hunter	noun	someone who is trying to find or get the stated thing	job-hunter, house-hunter
-ial	adjective	typical of	dictatorial
-ially	adverb	in a way that is typical of	officially
-ian	adjective	from; typical of	Shakespearian, Bostonian

-ian	noun	a specialist in	mathematician
-ic	adjective, noun	connected with	scenic, Arabic
-ic	adjective	that performs the action mentioned	horrific, specific
-ics	noun	the science, art or activity of	physics, athletics
-ie/-y	noun	showing affection	daddy
-induced	adjective	caused by the stated person or activity	work-induced
-intentioned	adjective	having intentions of the type mentioned	well-intentioned, criminally-intentioned
-ish	adjective	(1) indicating that someone or sth has a quality to a small extent (2) indicating that someone or sth is like a particular kind of person or thing	(1) tallish (2) childish, girlish
-ishly	adverb	in the way mentioned; like the person or thing mentioned	foolishly
-ism	noun	(1) the action or result of (2) the state or quality of (3) the teaching, system or movement of (4) unfair treatment or feelings of hate for the reason mentioned (5) a feature of language of the type mentioned (6) a medical condition or disease	(1) criticism (2) heroism, optimism (3) Buddhism (4) racism (5) colloquialism (6) alcoholism
-ist	adjective, noun	(1) a person who believes or practises sth (2) a member of a profession or business activity (3) a person who uses a thing (4) a person who does sth	(1) atheist (2) dentist (3) violinist (4) plagiarist
-ista	noun	a person who is very enthusiastic about sth	fashionista
-istic	adjective	of, relating to, or characterized by a quality	altruistic, realistic
-ity	noun	the quality or state of	oddity, purity

-ive	adjective	tending to; having the nature of	explosive, descriptive
-ization	noun	(1) the process of becoming, making or making like (2) the fact of putting sb/sth or being put in a place	(1) privatization (2) hospitalization
-izationally	adverb	in the way sb/sth becomes sth, makes sth, or makes sb/sth like sth	organizationally
-ize	verb	(1) to become, make or make like (2) to speak, think, act, treat, etc. in the way mentioned (3) to place in	(1) fossilize (2) criticize, theorize (3) to place in
-led	adjective	planned or controlled by a particular person or thing	government-led
-less	adjective	(1) without (2) not doing; not affected by	(1) treeless, meaningless (2) tireless
-lessly	adverb	(1) without (2) without doing or being affected by	(1) hopelessly (2) tirelessly
-lessness	noun	the fact of not having, doing or being affected by the thing mentioned	helplessness
-let/-ling	noun	small; not very important	booklet, duckling
-like	adjective	similar to; typical of	childlike
-load	noun	all the people/goods in the stated vehicle or container	coachload, busload
-ly	adjective	having the qualities of	cowardly, scholarly
-made	adjective	produced in the stated way or place	handmade
-mania	noun	a very strong interest in the stated thing, especially among a large group of people	kleptomania
-mannered	adjective	used to describe a person with the behaviour or character of the stated type	mild-mannered
-mate	noun	two people share a space or are involved in the same activity	teammate, workmate

-meister	noun	used in a description showing what someone is famous for doing or what someone does very well	funk-meister, horror-meister
-ment	noun	the action or result of	development
-mental	adjective	doing the action of; having the result of	governmental
-minded	adjective	having a particular character, interest, or way of thinking about things	strong-minded
-monger	noun	a person who encourages a particular activity, especially one that causes trouble	warmonger, fearmonger
-mongering	noun	the act of encouraging a particular activity, especially one that causes trouble	scandal-mongering
-most	adjective	the furthest	southernmost
-mouthed	adjective	having a mouth or way of talking of the stated type	loud-mouthed, foul-mouthed
-natured	adjective	having this type of character	sweet-natured
-ness	noun	the quality, state or character of	blindness, dryness
-oid	adjective, noun	similar to	humanoid
-ological	adjective	belonging or relating to a type of scientific study	biological, technological
-ologist	noun	an expert in a particular area of scientific study	archaeologist
-ology	noun	the study of sth	psychology
-or	noun	a person or thing that performs the action	actor
-orientated/ -oriented	adjective	directed towards sth or made or adapted for a particular purpose	family-orient(at)ed
-ory	adjective	that does...; involving the action referred to	explanatory
-ory	noun	a place for	observatory
-ous	adjective	having the nature or quality of	poisonous

-ously	adverb	in a way that shows the nature or quality of	gloriously
-ousness	noun	the fact of having the nature or quality of	spaciousness
-owned	adjective	belonging to or controlled by	state-owned
-packed	adjective	full of the thing described	action-packed
-person	noun	the particular job or duty that someone has	spokesperson, chairperson
-phile	noun	someone who enjoys a particular thing or has it as a hobby, or who likes a particular place	bibliophile
-phobe	noun	someone who hates or has a fear of sth, especially in a way that is extreme or not reasonable	Anglophobe
-phobia	noun	an extreme fear or dislike, especially one that is not reasonable	transphobia
-pitched	adjective	at the stated level or degree	high-pitched
-plated	adjective	covered with a thin layer of metal, especially a valuable metal such as gold or silver	gold-plated, silver-plated
-powered	adjective	operated by the type of energy stated	energy-powered
-prone	adjective	likely to experience a particular problem more often than is usual	accident-prone
-proof	adjective, verb	protecting against; not damaged by	future-proof, weatherproof
-racked	adjective	showing or feeling the physical or mental pain, trouble, etc. mentioned	pain-racked, guilt-racked
-raiser	noun	a person or thing that causes the stated thing to exist or be obtained	money-raiser
-rate	adjective	used with words such as first, second, third etc. to show how good you think sth is	first-rate

-rich	adjective	containing a large amount of a valuable substance	oil-rich, vitamin-rich
-ridden	adjective	full of sth unpleasant	crime-ridden, debt-ridden
-ry	noun	(1) the group or class of (2) the state or character of (3) the art or practice of (4) a place where sth is made, grows, lives, etc.	(1) gadgetry (2) bravery (3) falconry (4) bakery
-saver	noun	sth that makes it possible for you to use less of a particular thing	time-saver, space-saver
-saving	adjective	making it possible to use less of the stated thing	labor-saving, money-saving
-scape	noun	a view or scene of	landscape, moonscape
-scopic	adjective	describing devices for looking at or discovering and measuring things	telescopic
-seeking	adjective	trying to get or find the thing stated	attention-seeking
-shattering	adjective	describing a situation that ends, breaks, or has a very powerful effect on sth	confidence-shattering
-ship	noun	(1) the state or quality of (2) the status or office of (3) skill or ability as (4) the group of	(1) ownership, friendship (2) citizenship (3) musicianship (4) membership
-shy	adjective	avoiding or not liking the thing mentioned	workshy, camera-shy
-sided	adjective	having the number of sides mentioned	many-sided
-sighted	adjective	used when describing a particular way of seeing or thinking	far-sighted
-skinned	adjective	referring to the metaphorical or literal condition of having a certain type of skin	thick-skinned, thin-skinned
-smelling	adjective	having a particular smell	foul-smelling
-smith	noun	someone who makes things out of metal, especially by heating it and hitting it with a hammer	goldsmith

-some	adjective	producing; likely to	fearsome
-some	noun	a group of the number mentioned	foursome
-speak	noun	the special language used in a particular subject area or business	computer-speak, marketing-speak
-spirited	adjective	in the mood mentioned	low-spirited, high-spirited
-spotter	noun	a person whose job or interest is to notice people or things of the type mentioned	trainspotter
-spotting	noun	to the activity or job of noticing people or things of the type mentioned	talent-spotting
-stained	adjective	marked with the thing mentioned	tear-stained
-star	adjective	used to show how good a restaurant, hotel, etc. is	two-star, three-star
-ster	noun	a person who is connected with or has the quality of	gangster, youngster
-stopper	noun	sth that stops the thing mentioned	heart-stopper, crowd-stopper
-style	adjective	in the style mentioned	Japanese-style
-tastic	adjective	describing an extremely good example of sth	bargaintastic
-tasting	adjective	having a particular flavor	foul-tasting
-tempered	adjective	having or showing the stated type of temper	bad-tempered, even-tempered
-tide	noun	a period of time	Yuletide
-time	noun	the stated period of time during the year, day, etc.	daytime, springtime
-to-be	noun	in the near future	bride-to-be, mom-to-be
-toned	adjective	having the tone or tones described	low-toned
-tongued	adjective	describing the way someone uses words to express their ideas	sharp-tongued, silver-tongued
-ure	noun	the action, process or result of	closure, failure

-ville	noun	used to create a humorous place name for a situation or place that has a particular quality	panicville
-voiced	adjective	having the type of voice mentioned	loud-voiced
-ward/-wards/-ways	adverb	in the direction of	onwards, forward, sideways
-ware	noun	objects of the same material or type, especially things used in cooking and serving food	kitchenware, classware
-watcher	noun	a person who is interested in and enjoys watching a particular thing	royal-watcher
-wear	noun	a particular type of clothes	swimwear
-willed	adjective	describing the nature of a person's will or determination	strong-willed
-wise	adjective, adverb	(1) in the manner or direction of (2) relating to	(1) likewise, clockwise (2) businesswise
-work	noun	(1) work of a particular type (2) a skill or activity using a particular type of material (3) things made of a particular material	(1) homework, paperwork (2) woodwork, metalwork (3) stonework
-worthy	adjective	(1) suitable or deserving to receive a particular thing (2) describing a boat, aircraft, or vehicle that is suitable to be used safely in a particular substance or environment	(1) praiseworthy, newsworthy (2) roadworthy, seaworthy
-y	adjective	(1) full of; having the quality of (2) tending to	(1) dusty (2) runny
-y	noun	the action or process of	enquiry