

A Handful of Suffixes

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SUFFIX	MEANING	EXAMPLES
able, ible	able to be, capable of being	pourable, drinkable, readable, washable, curable, visible, flexible, collectible
ance, ancy	state of, process of	performance, reliance, defiance, radiance, acceptance, ascendancy, discrepancy, infancy
ator	one who does [the verb]	terminator, culminator, agitator, instigator, generator, incubator, accelerator, invigorator, elevator
dom	condition, office, state	kingdom, freedom, wisdom, sheikdom, fiefdom, sheikdom
ee	one who receives	payee, mortgagee, employee, appointee, abductee, examinee, referee, refugee
er, or	one who does [the verb]	driver, hiker, reader, manager, polisher, speaker, counselor, author, creator, director, sculptor
ful	filled with	frightful, delightful, wonderful, cupful, wakeful, bashful, bountiful, beautiful, cheerful, colorful, dreadful, fateful
ify	to make into	purify, deify, simplify, clarify, petrify, reify, exemplify, pacify
ification	process of making into	purification, deification, simplification, clarification, petrification
ish	the nature of, resembling	Cornish, Irish, bookish, freakish, foolish, boorish, selfish, sluggish, priggish
ism	doctrine, system, characteristic quality	capitalism, heroism, optimism, skepticism, realism, patriotism, communism, idealism, conservatism
ist	one who performs; an adherent of an ism	tympanist, cellist, idealist, communist, realist, moralist, pharmacist, pragmatist
ize	to make into	rationalize, normalize, realize, capitalize, sterilize, dramatize, utilize, colorize
ization	the process of making into	rationalization, normalization, realization, capitalization, dramatization
less	without, lacking	loveless, fearless, worthless, nameless, baseless, bottomless, effortless, friendless, noiseless, harmless